

FUNCTIONAL CONSTRAINTS AND *rbcL* EVIDENCE FOR LAND PLANT PHYLOGENY¹

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ABSTRACT

Although the proportion of "functional" DNA in eukaryotic genomes is both debatable and subject to definition, most sequences gathered for phylogenetic purposes are indisputably functional. For example, patterns of variation are likely to be strongly constrained in ribosomal RNAs because of their structural and catalytic roles in protein translation, and in protein-coding genes, because of protein function itself. Although seemingly obvious, these concerns are usually ignored by workers producing gene trees. We have examined the extent of functional constraints in land-plant *rbcL* sequences. Not only do *rbcL* sequences appear to change with essentially clocklike regularity, but nucleotide-based cladograms imply that approximately 97.5% of codon changes on internal branches are functionally neutral (i.e., synonymous or functionally labile). From this perspective, *rbcL* evolution appears to be strongly constrained by function. Transforming nucleotide data into ad hoc string recognitions alters the size of the unit character sufficiently to highlight "blocks" of conservative information that may or may not be functionally constrained. Simultaneous cladistic analysis of all available evidence will highlight the proportion of congruent information, despite diverse functional constraints among the characters analyzed. We demonstrate the strength of this approach using different forms of the same *rbcL* evidence (i.e., nucleotides, strings, or amino acids) in combination with the seed-plant data of Nixon et al.

Diversification of the major clades of extant land plants probably dates from the Silurian to Cretaceous. During the Silurian–Devonian, liverworts, hornworts, mosses, and tracheophytes formed distinct lineages. Differentiation of the tracheophyte clades, notably angiosperms and other seed plants, began by the Devonian. The estimation of land-plant phylogeny, a research goal spanning over 400 million years of cladogenesis and extinction, is no simple task. For example, many groups lack strong morphological similarities that might suggest patterns of relationship.

Recent years have seen an explosion of interest in molecular information, with its promise of easily interpreted similarities for bridging otherwise large

phenotypic gaps. In particular, the plastid *rbcL* gene (which encodes the large subunit of RuBisCO: ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate carboxylase/oxygenase, a primary enzyme in carbon fixation) has been sequenced extensively, with primary emphasis on the angiosperms (Clegg, 1993; Chase et al., 1993). Arguing from expected synonymous substitutions per site under a particular rate assumption, Clegg (1993) suggested that *rbcL* sequences should be phylogenetically informative for the time interval 400–100 million years before present. We argue here that this and similar assertions are incomplete. From direct estimation of *total* substitutions (as optimized on cladograms; see Albert et al., 1992a, 1993; Albert & Mishler, 1992; Albert et al., 1993)

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we will demonstrate that divergence-time asymmetries among taxa restrict *rbcL*-based hypotheses of land-plant phylogeny far more than do rate asymmetries.

We have examined the internal stability of land-plant *rbcL* evidence through conversion of nucleotide information into different data forms, including presence/absence of ad hoc nucleotide strings. Cladograms produced from nucleotide, string, and translated amino acid data are only partially congruent. Character optimization on both nucleotide and string trees reveals extensive functional conservation through the predominance of silent changes and labile (function-conserving) amino acid replacements. Hence, *rbcL* nucleotides are no less functionally constrained than morphological characters (contra Olmstead, 1989; Sytsma et al., 1991; Clegg, 1993).

Although the separation of protein-functional from cladogenetic history may not be entirely possible, the extent to which functional history reflects phylogeny might be assessed through congruence studies with characters expected to carry diverse patterns of functional constraints. As such, we have performed total-evidence analyses at the seed-plant level using, as a "constant," a new matrix of primarily morphological data (Nixon et al., 1994, this issue). It emerges that combination of *rbcL* nucleotide, amino acid, or string data with this matrix produces highly compatible cladistic hypotheses. These studies point to (i) the commonality of information in different data forms representing the same evidence, and (ii) the power of simultaneous evaluation of all available evidence and weakness of further production of *rbcL* gene trees (cf. Kluge, 1989; Barrett et al., 1991; Donoghue & Sanderson, 1992; Jones et al., 1993; Mishler, 1994).

THE RATE "PROBLEM"

As has been pointed out in several recent papers, sequence change in the *rbcL* gene is not strictly clocklike (Albert et al., 1992a; Bousquet et al., 1992; Gaut et al., 1992; Clegg, 1993). Here, we provide a number of new comparisons (Table 1) based on patristic distances between woody taxon pairs from Search II of Chase et al. (1993). It is clear that our own estimates and those of other workers all fall within a very narrow range of absolutely low values. The mean rate per taxon pair investigated here is approximately 2×10^{-10} total substitutions per site per million years; Wendel & Albert (1992) estimated $5-7 \times 10^{-10}$ for three herbaceous-pair comparisons. Lineage-specific rate differences were found by Bousquet et

al. (1992) and in the relative-rate tests of Gaut et al. (1992), but absolute rate estimates do not differ substantially from our own findings. Thus, whereas *rbcL* data cannot be considered perfectly ultrametric (i.e., satisfying a clock assumption), the small range of absolute variation suggests that some predictions of the clock hypothesis still apply. For example, the relationship between time and the accumulation of nucleotide substitutions may be nearly linear. We term this condition, apparently characterizing *rbcL* sequence data, "quasi-ultrametric."

Quasi-ultrametricity has several important implications. One is that the extent of sequence divergence in a given taxon sampling should roughly reflect the timing of underlying cladogenetic events. If all such events are ancient, extensive sequence differences among all taxa are to be expected (Fig. 1; cf. Donoghue & Sanderson, 1992, fig. 15.3). If some cladogenetic events are ancient whereas others are much more recent, expected sequence divergence in a data set would be prominently skewed (Fig. 2). As these properties become extreme, parsimony analysis will be hampered by the increased probability of parallel changes among either anciently diverged or divergence-time-asymmetric sequences (Figs. 1, 2; cf. Donoghue & Sanderson, 1992: 347-349). Given that A, T, G, and C are the only character-state alternatives, either scenario is likely to produce patterns of similarity that may be nonhomologous and therefore cladograms that are ahistorical. This is precisely the "long branches attract" issue raised by Felsenstein (1978) and others.

Although asymmetrical rates of sequence change are often invoked to explain branch attraction behavior (see Clegg and Zurawski, 1992: 10, with reference to *rbcL*), the problem is better defined in terms of both rate and divergence time as their product, per-character change: the λ of Albert et al. (1992a, 1993; Albert & Mishler, 1992; cf. Hendy & Penny, 1989). With quasi-ultrametric data, rate asymmetry is unimportant in this regard; time through which a branch exists becomes the central factor. As such, our expectation of the performance of parsimony analysis on *rbcL* data must include our ability to estimate both the absolute and relative timing of cladogenetic events inherent to particular data matrices. Of course, this may not always be possible.

An additional implication of quasi-ultrametricity is the near satisfaction of selective neutrality. A molecular clock is predicted by the neutral theory of molecular evolution; equal rates of mutation and fixation are the expectation (see Kimura, 1983;

TABLE 1. "Phylogenetic" estimation of total substitution rate for 19 woody-taxon pairs. The rate of sequence divergence was calculated as per-site divergence (the patristic distance, D_p , divided by the number of nucleotides compared) divided by time since cladogenesis (Albert et al., 1992a). Average rates for individual taxa are half of the values shown. Data are from Search II of Chase et al. (1993); systematic error associated with that analysis can be expected to affect all calculations equally. Divergence time assumptions are based upon geologic dates associated with vicariant disjunctions (with the exception of all Arecaceae comparisons, which follow from the arguments of Wilson et al., 1990).

Taxon pair	Area	Divergence time assumption	D_p	Divergence rate (subst./site·taxon pair)
<i>Callitris rhomboidea</i> R. Br. ex Rich. <i>Widdringtonia cedarbergensis</i> Marsh (Cupressaceae)	Australia Africa	100 My ^a	55	3.85×10^{-10}
<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i> Hu & W. C. Chang <i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i> (Lindl.) J. Buchholz (Taxodiaceae)	Asia N. America	40 My ^b	16	2.80×10^{-10}
<i>Illicium parviflorum</i> Michx. ex Vent <i>Austrobaileya scandens</i> C. T. White (Illiciaceae/Austrobaileyaceae)	N. America/Asia Australia	200 My ^c	54	1.89×10^{-10}
<i>Drimys winteri</i> J. R. & G. Forst. <i>Belliolum</i> sp. (Winteraceae)	S. America New Caledonia	100 My	21	1.47×10^{-10}
<i>Drimys winteri</i> J. R. & G. Forst. <i>Tasmannia insipida</i> DC. (Winteraceae)	S. America Tasmania	100 My	14	0.98×10^{-10}
<i>Canella winteriana</i> (L.) Gaertn. <i>Belliolum</i> sp. (Canellaceae/Winteraceae)	N. America New Caledonia	200 My	78	2.73×10^{-10}
<i>Canella winteriana</i> (L.) Gaertn. <i>Tasmannia insipida</i> DC. (Canellaceae/Winteraceae)	N. America Tasmania	200 My	67	2.35×10^{-10}
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> L. <i>Liriodendron chinense</i> (Hemsl.) Sarg. (Magnoliaceae)	N. America Asia	40 My	10	1.75×10^{-10}
<i>Calycanthus chinensis</i> Cheng & S. T. Chang <i>Idiospermum australiense</i> (Diels) S. T. Blake (Calycanthaceae/Idiospermaceae)	Asia/N. America Australia	200 My	28	0.98×10^{-10}
<i>Chimonanthus praecox</i> (L.) Link <i>Idiospermum australiense</i> (Diels) S. T. Blake (Calycanthaceae/Idiospermaceae)	Asia Australia	200 My	24	0.84×10^{-10}
<i>Chamaedorea costaricana</i> Oerst. <i>Drymophloeus subdistichus</i> (H. E. Moore) H. E. Moore (Arecaceae)	Americas S. Pacific	60 My ^d	15	1.75×10^{-10}
<i>Chamaedorea costaricana</i> Oerst. <i>Nypa fruticans</i> Wurb. (Arecaceae)	Americas S. Pacific/India	60 My	20	2.33×10^{-10}
<i>Serenoa repens</i> (Bartram) Small <i>Drymophloeus subdistichus</i> (H. E. Moore) H. E. Moore (Arecaceae)	Americas S. Pacific	60 My	18	2.10×10^{-10}

TABLE 1. Continued.

Taxon pair	Area	Divergence time assumption	D _p	Divergence rate (subst./site·taxon pair)
<i>Serenoa repens</i> (Bartram) Small <i>Nypa fruticans</i> Wurb. (Arecaceae)	Americas S. Pacific/India	60 My	23	2.68 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
<i>Betula nigra</i> L. <i>Casuarina litorea</i> L. (Betulaceae/Casuarinaceae)	N. Hemisphere Australia	200 My	35	1.23 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
<i>Nothofagus dombeyi</i> (Mirb.) Oerst. <i>Nothofagus balansae</i> (Baill.) Steenis (Nothofagaceae)	S. America New Caledonia	100 My	30	2.10 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
<i>Galphimia gracilis</i> Bartl. <i>Acridocarpus natalitius</i> A. Juss. (Malpighiaceae)	S.-N. America ^c Africa/Madagascar/ New Caledonia	100 My	34	2.38 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
<i>Dicella nucifera</i> Chodat <i>Acridocarpus natalitius</i> A. Juss. (Malpighiaceae)	S. America Africa/Madagascar/ New Caledonia	100 My	33	2.31 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
<i>Mascagnia stannea</i> (Griseb.) Nied. <i>Acridocarpus natalitius</i> A. Juss. (Malpighiaceae)	S.-N. America Africa/Madagascar/ New Caledonia	100 My	34	2.38 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
Range				3.01 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
Mean				2.05 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
S.D.				±0.75 × 10 ⁻¹⁰

^a Standard time figure used to represent the breakup of Gondwana (rounded to the nearest 100 My (million years) from 130 My, as estimated using Terra Mobilis® 2.1 by C. R. Denham and C. R. Scotese; see Wendel & Albert, 1992: 137).

^b Standard time figure (ca. early Oligocene) used to represent disruption of the boreotropical interchange between North America and Eurasia (see Lavin & Luckow, 1993).

^c Standard time figure used to represent separation of the Northern and Southern Hemispheres upon the breakup of Pangaea (rounded to the nearest 100 My from 160 My, as estimated using Terra Mobilis® 2.1 by C. R. Denham and C. R. Scotese; see Wendel & Albert, 1992: 137).

^d Divergence date used by Wilson et al. (1990), based on the fossil record.

^e North American Malpighiaceae are here interpreted as representing range expansion from South America.

Nei, 1987). Quasi-ultrametric data may imply selection coefficients very close to neutrality. Remembering that the underlying premise of selective neutrality is the neutral effect of point mutations, nearly clocklike sequence evolution should involve a large proportion of such changes, fixed as effectively neutral substitutions. Such substitutions would be expected to be mainly silent (i.e., synonymous with respect to amino acid⁸), and, with regard to amino acid replacements, functionally conservative (labile). Quasi-ultrametricity in *rbcL* nucleotide sequences is thus an expected manifestation of strong constraints on protein function.⁹

UNIT CHARACTERS AND FUNCTIONAL CONSTRAINTS

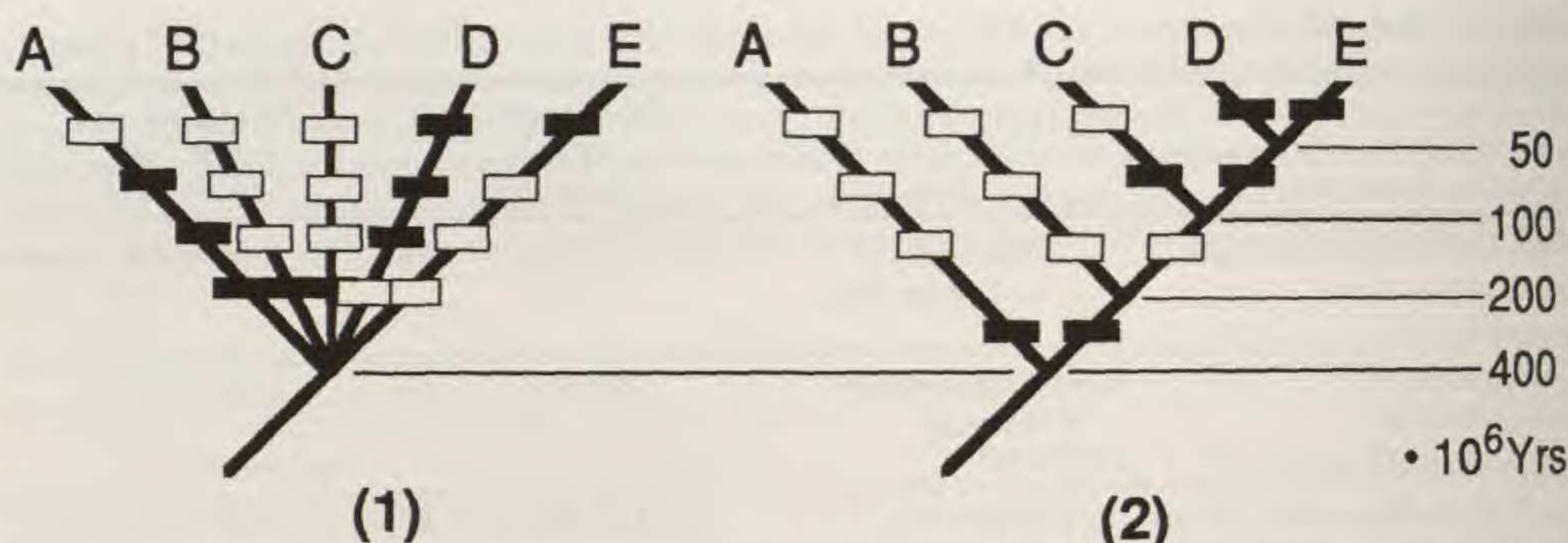
As recently reviewed by Clegg (1993), a number of systematic and evolutionary studies have relied solely on *rbcL* sequence variation. Such analyses make the implicit assumption that *rbcL* nucleotides are independent and potentially informative markers of cladogenetic events. As discussed above with respect to total rates of change, if all branching events under consideration are relatively recent, parsimony analysis may be expected to proceed with a reduced probability of spurious branch attraction because of the absolutely lower expected

⁸ See Clegg (1993) on synonymous rates for *rbcL*; note that only *total* substitution rates are relevant to cladistic methods because all informative variation is considered.

⁹ Assuming that purifying selection eliminates mutations deleterious to protein function and that *f* is the fraction of such mutations, the neutral theory may be reformulated as

$$S = (1 - f)\mu$$

where *S* is the total substitution rate per site and μ is the mutation rate (after Nei, 1987: 52, 411).



FIGURES 1 AND 2. Patterns of historical versus spurious similarity resulting from symmetrically ancient and asymmetrical time-samples. In both cases, time-sample refers to the nodes on these imaginary trees. In (1), all nodes are essentially time-coincident at 400 My, so the "true tree" appears polytomous. In (2), the cladogenetic events indicated occur asymmetrically with respect to time, ranging from 400 to 50 My since divergence. Possible patterns of nucleotide change are indicated by the filled and open rectangles; the former represent unadulterated markers of cladogenetic history, whereas the latter represent spurious character-state similarity resulting, e.g., from multiple nucleotide substitutions. In (1), these patterns of similarity are approximately equal in extent (because of nearly clocklike substitutional behavior) but are in partial conflict with each other; parsimony analysis may include resolutions containing some proportion of ahistorical evidence or even alternatives comprising totally spurious patterns. This might be the expectation if taxa A through E were, e.g., *Isoetes*, *Selaginella*, *Psilotum*, *Equisetum*, and *Angiopteris*. In (2), which approximates the situation in simultaneous studies of sporing and seed plants, the problems of (1) are only partially alleviated. Patterns of convergent similarity between the oldest taxa, A and B, will result in most parsimonious reconstructions that pair these taxa spuriously. As divergence time becomes shallower, the reduced likelihood of multiple changes at sites will insure that D and E are paired historically. Although C is linked with (D, E) by "true" similarity, this relationship may be broken by false similarities between B and C as well as between B, (C, D, E). In summary, comparing only anciently diverged lineages with *rbcL* may suggest patterns of relationship that represent a hopelessly even mixture of historically reliable and nonreliable similarity. Likewise, comparison of ancient and recently diverged clades may have the same problem near the base while being relatively more consistent near the tips. This condition may characterize the *rbcL*-based results shown in this paper.

sequence divergence and relatively lower associated likelihood of character-state parallelism. This "time-sampling" strategy has been employed in circumscribed studies ranging from particular angiosperm groups (e.g., Conti et al., 1993; Kron & Chase, 1993; Rodman et al., 1993) to seed plants as a whole (Chase et al., 1993). Here, a "time sample" refers to the nodes rather than the terminals on an imaginary tree; as such, a time sampling is the collection of absolute and relative timings of underlying cladogenetic events in a data matrix. Of course, the nodes of a cladogram are not discernible a priori to analysis, but their absolute and relative timing may be estimated by external criteria (e.g., the fossil record; cf. Norell & Novacek, 1992).

Initial attempts to analyze time samples beyond angiosperms and other seed plants (i.e., including *rbcL* sequences from sporing plants; Albert et al., 1992b) resulted in cladistic patterns familiar from studies based on ribosomal DNA (rDNA) variation (e.g., monophyletic gymnosperms or combinations of gymnosperm lineages, a seed-plant "root" at the Gnetales, an angiosperm "root" at the monocots; see Troitsky et al., 1991; Zimmer et al., 1989; Hamby & Zimmer, 1992). These results,

however, are in conflict with cladistic studies based on morphological characters (see below). Ribosomal RNAs, with their structural and catalytic roles in protein translation, are obviously under enormous functional constraints. Like *rbcL*, rDNAs may also exhibit nearly clocklike substitutional behavior in those positions that are "free" to vary. If the absolute rates of change approximate the low values estimated for *rbcL*, analysis of corresponding time samples might be expected to result in corresponding patterns of homologous and parallel similarity, and therefore similar hierarchical reconstructions (cf. Donoghue & Sanderson, 1992: 347-349).

To gain insight into the topological effects of vastly asymmetrical time samples (see Fig. 2), we have combined *rbcL* information from "bryophytes," "pteridophytes," "gymnosperms," and angiosperms (Table 2). If the substitutional process is effectively clocklike among these taxa, some effects of functional constraints in land-plant *rbcL* evolution should be discernible (as may be spurious branch attractions; see The Rate "Problem," above); we explore this cladistically from both the primary nucleotide data as well as ad hoc nucleotide strings. The *rbcL* data are examined also at the

TABLE 2. *rbcL* sequences used for data transformation and cladistic analysis. These are listed by taxon and by GenBank accession number and/or literature reference where sequence data first appeared. Voucher information, where available, is given by these sources.

Taxon	GenBank accession or literature reference
<i>Conocephalum conicum</i> (L.) Lindb.	Mishler et al., 1994
<i>Lophocolea heterophylla</i> (Schrad.) Dumort.	Mishler et al., 1994
<i>Anthoceros punctatus</i> L.	Mishler et al., 1994
<i>Andreaebryum macrosporum</i> Steere & B. Murray	Mishler et al., 1994
<i>Ophioglossum engelmannii</i> Prantl	L11058 (J. R. Manhart, in press)
<i>Psilotum nudum</i> (L.) P. Beauv.	L11059 (J. R. Manhart, in press)
<i>Isoetes melanopoda</i> J. Gay & Durieu	L11054 (J. R. Manhart, in press)
<i>Lycopodium digitatum</i> A. Br.	L11055 (J. R. Manhart, in press)
<i>Angiopteris evecta</i> (G. Forst.) Hoffm.	L11052 (J. R. Manhart, in press)
<i>Equisetum arvense</i> L.	L11053 (J. R. Manhart, in press)
<i>Selaginella</i> sp.	L11280 (J. R. Manhart, in press)
<i>Botrychium biternatum</i> (Sav.) Underwood	L13474 (J. R. Manhart, in press)
<i>Taxus × media</i>	Chase et al., 1993
<i>Taxodium distichum</i> (L.) Rich.	Soltis et al., 1992
<i>Podocarpus gracilior</i> Pilg.	X58135 (Bousquet et al., 1992)
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> L.	Chase et al., 1993
<i>Cycas revoluta</i> L.	B. Schutzman, s.n., FLAS, (M. W. Chase, unpublished)
<i>Stangeria eriopus</i> (Kunze) Baill.	Chase et al., 1993
<i>Zamia inermis</i> Vovides, J. D. Reese & M. Vásquez-Torres	L12683 (Chase et al., 1993)
<i>Ephedra tweediana</i> C. A. Mey.	L12677 (Chase et al., 1993)
<i>Welwitschia mirabilis</i> Hook. f.	Chase et al., 1993 (G. R. Furnier)
<i>Gnetum gnemon</i> L.	L12680 (Chase et al., 1993)
<i>Chloranthus japonicus</i> Siebold	L12640 (Chase et al., 1993)
<i>Piper betle</i> L.	L12660 (Chase et al., 1993)
(<i>Drimys</i>) <i>Tasmannia insipida</i> DC.	L01957 (Albert et al., 1992c)
<i>Calycanthus chinensis</i> Cheng & S. T. Chang	L12635 (Chase et al., 1993)
<i>Eupomatia bennettii</i> F. Muell.	L12644 (Chase et al., 1993)
<i>Magnolia macrophylla</i> L.	Golenberg et al., 1990
<i>Persea americana</i> Mill.	Golenberg et al., 1990
<i>Trochodendron aralioides</i> Siebold & Zucc.	L01958 (Albert et al., 1992c)
<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i> L.	M77030 (Les et al., 1991) plus nucleotides 1184–1428 from Qiu et al., 1993
<i>Nymphaea odorata</i> Aiton	M77035 (Les et al., 1991) plus nucleotides 1184–1428 from Qiu et al., 1993
<i>Lilium superbum</i> L.	L12682 (Albert et al., 1992a)
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i> L.	L01943 (Albert et al., 1992c)
<i>Caltha palustris</i> L.	L02431 (Albert et al., 1992c)
<i>Dillenia indica</i> L.	L01903 (Albert et al., 1992c)
<i>Chrysopsis</i> (<i>Castanopsis</i>) <i>sempervirens</i> (Kellogg) Hjelmq.	Chase et al., 1993
<i>Betula nigra</i> L.	L01889 (Albert et al., 1992c)
<i>Casuarina litorea</i> L.	L01893 (Albert et al., 1992c)
<i>Hamamelis mollis</i> Oliv.	L01922 (Albert et al., 1992c)

amino acid level for hierarchic compatibility with the nucleotide and string evidence.

NUCLEOTIDES

The nucleotide is the smallest unit character available in DNA information. With only four states possible at any given site, nucleotide data are subject to parallelism among sequences when the num-

ber of changes per site, λ (= rate·time), becomes large. Unlike some morphological characters, nucleotide data are usually analyzed cladistically with no assumed transformation series (i.e., nonadditive steps; Fitch, 1971). For such procedures, Albert et al. (1993) examined the potential for spurious branch attraction under Felsenstein's (1978) simplified four-taxon scenario. State-change probabilities with Jukes-Cantor (Jukes & Cantor, 1969)

and Kimura 2-parameter (Kimura, 1980) corrections for multiple changes at sites were considered in addition to observed changes only because of the prospect of reducing character-state parallelisms. All calculations indicated a very small parameter region under which branch attraction could be expected, provided that λ values remained small (i.e., less than approximately 0.1; see Albert et al., 1992a). For quasi-ultrametric data, differences in λ values must principally result from divergence time differences.

The bryophyte lineages examined here could easily be pre-Silurian; the pteridophytes no later than Devonian; the seed-plants appearing by the Carboniferous; the angiosperms by the Cretaceous, followed by their diversification through the Tertiary—a time range potentially spanning 500–5 million years before present. Thus, even without a priori knowledge of precise divergence times, it is reasonable to approximate upper and lower λ -bounds from this range and our estimates of total sequence divergence. The mean rate for woody taxa (Table 1), averaged for single lineages by halving the divergence value, is approximately 1.0×10^{-10} nucleotide substitutions per site per year. Similarly, the estimates for herbaceous taxa (Wendel & Albert, 1992) range between $2.5\text{--}3.5 \times 10^{-10}$. Assuming that bryophytes and pteridophytes fall into the range $1.0\text{--}3.5 \times 10^{-10}$ as well, λ values are estimated to lie between 0.05–0.175 (500 My) and 0.0005–0.00175 (5 My). On a four-taxon tree, some combinations of these values would yield spurious branch attractions (see Albert et al., 1993). Here, we are working with 40 taxa and a greater potential for inconsistent results (see Penny et al., 1991).

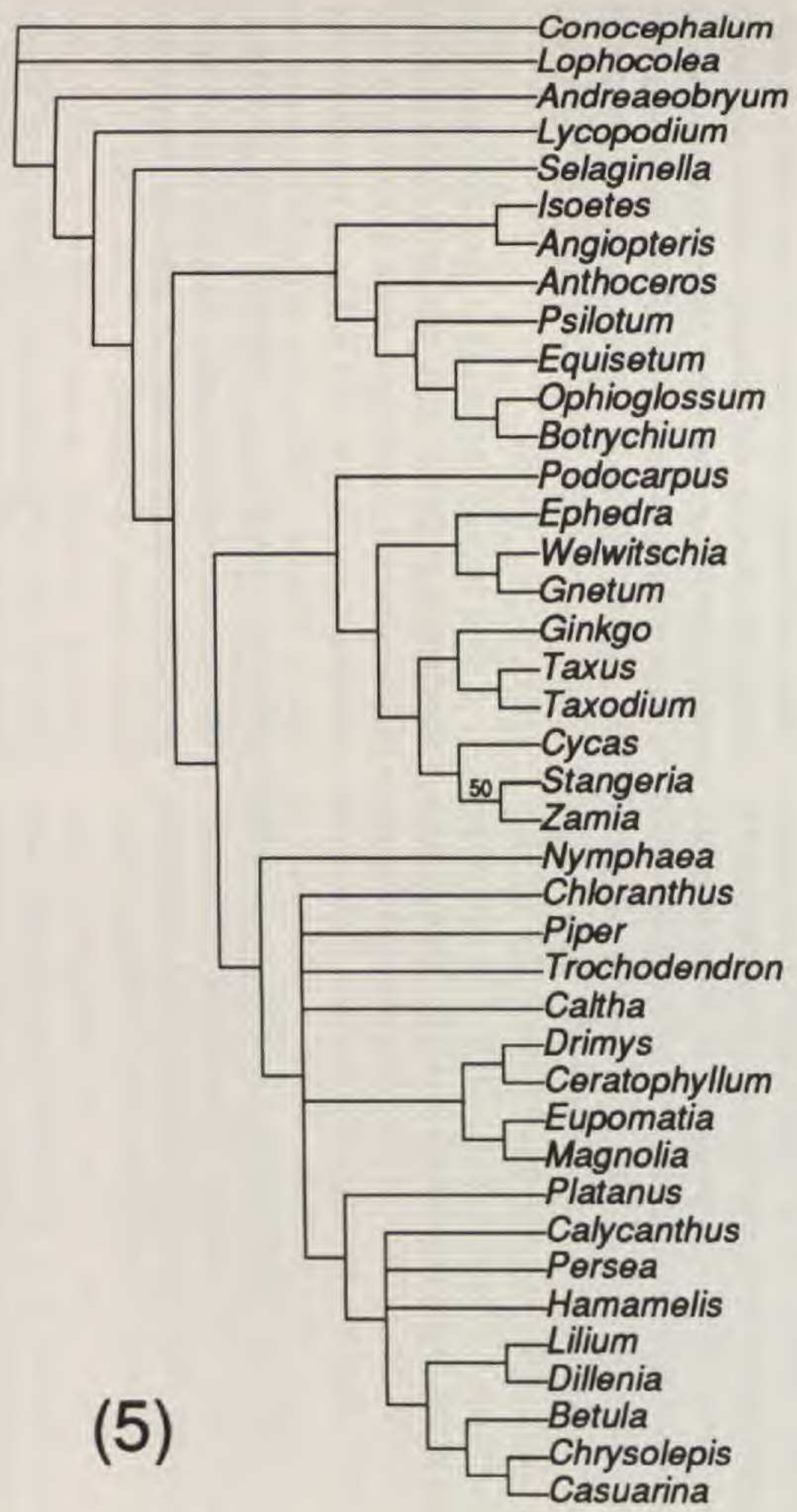
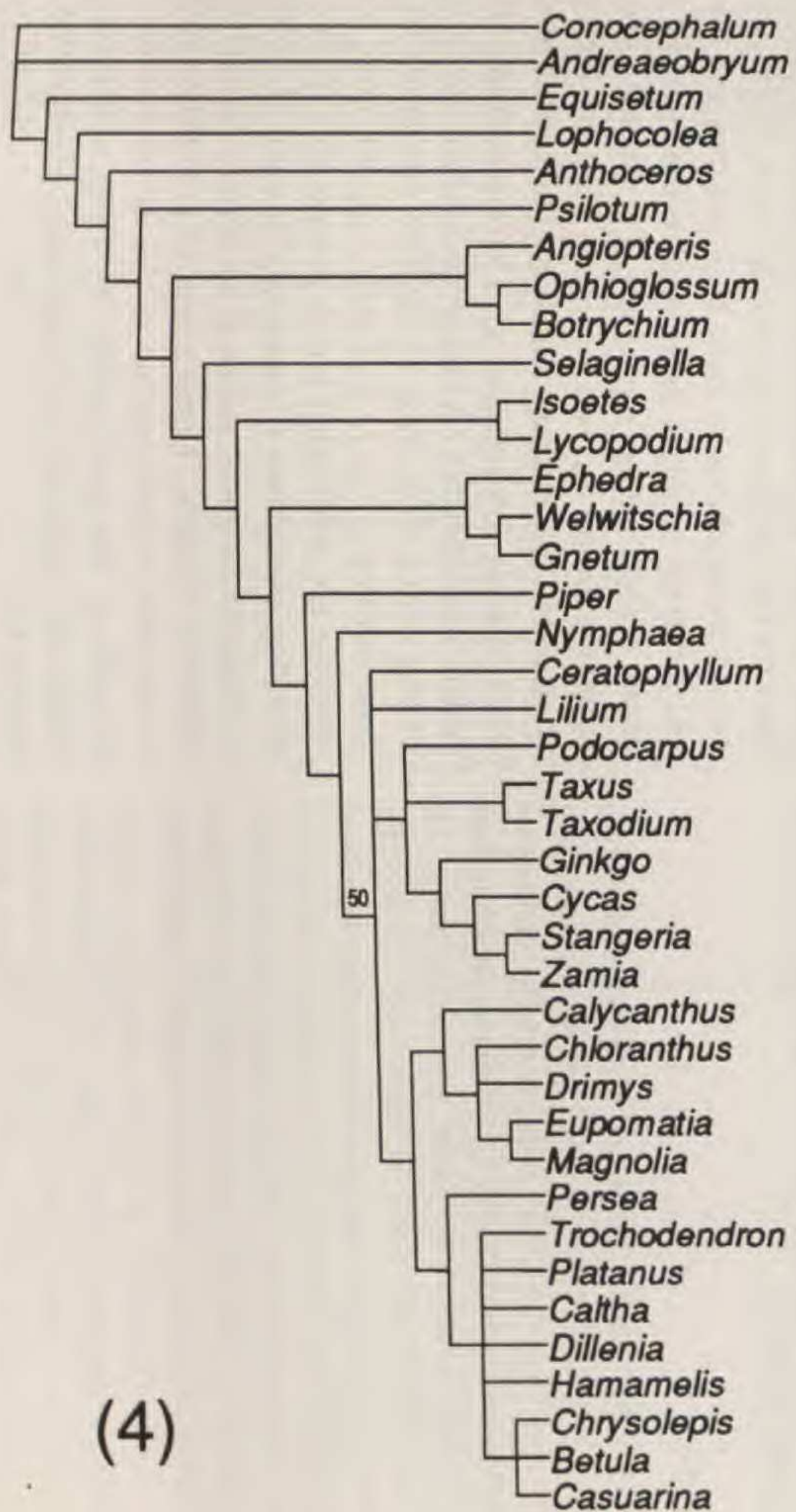
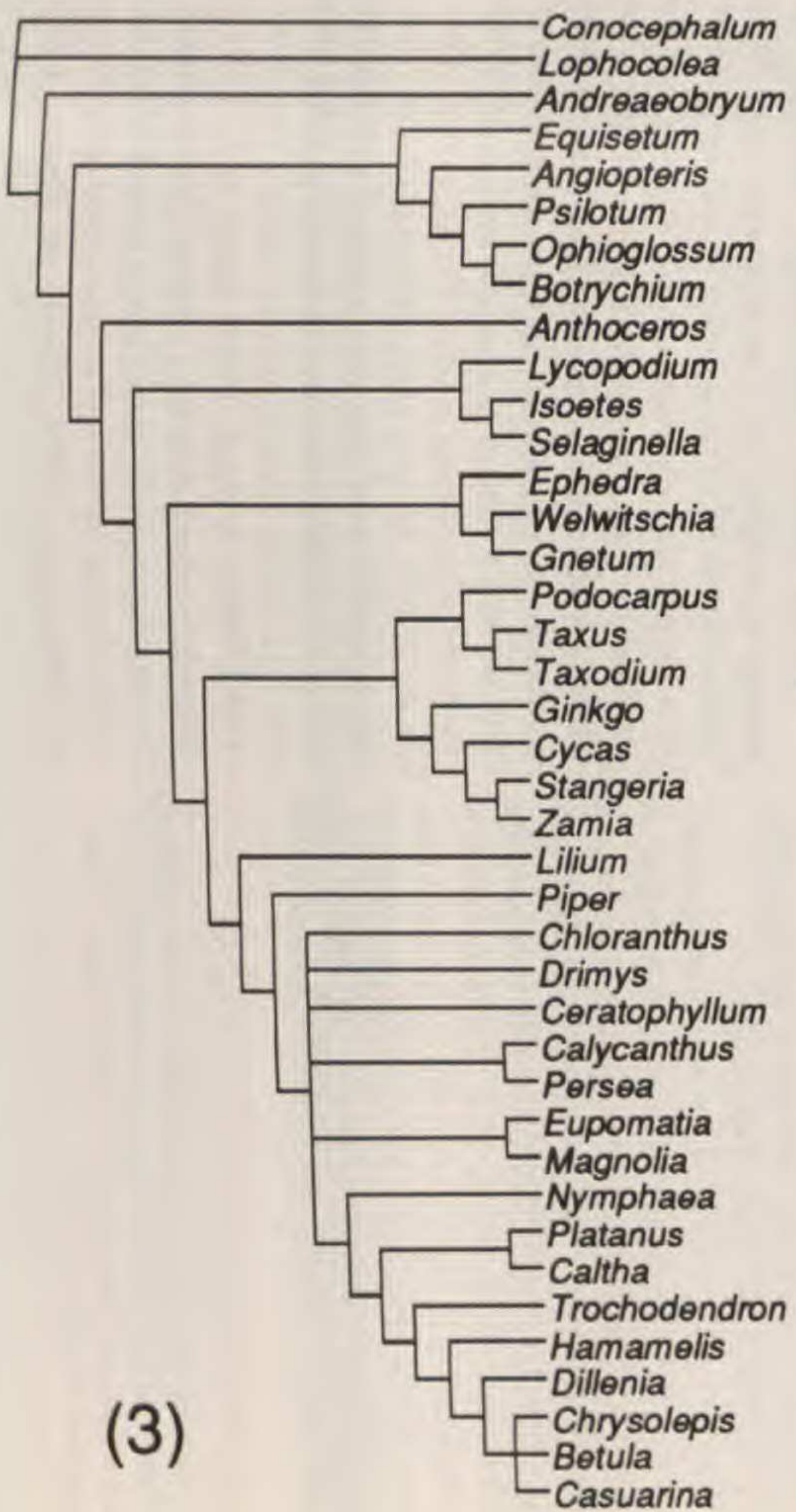
Data analysis. Nucleotide sequences (unambiguously aligned by sight and excluding the 30 5'-most positions, which incorporated only primer information for some taxa; Table 2) were analyzed with PAUP 3.1.1 (Swofford, 1993) using the Fitch criterion (Fitch, 1971; cf. Albert et al., 1993) with ACCTRAN (accelerated transformation) optimization (Farris, 1970; Swofford & Maddison, 1987). The heuristic search option was used with 100 random replicates of data addition sequence, COLLAPSE, MULPARS, and TBR (tree bisection-reconnection) branch-swapping. The consistency and

retention indices (C and R , respectively; Kluge & Farris, 1969; Farris, 1989a) were also calculated. Five hundred fifteen nucleotide positions showed patterns of similarity among taxa.

Eight equally parsimonious cladograms were found ($C = 0.362$ (including all data), $R = 0.523$). The strict and combinable component consensus trees (Bremer, 1990) were identical (see Fig. 3). All trees indicate that (i) hornworts are nested inside the tracheophyte clade, (ii) lycopods rather than ferns plus *Equisetum* represent the sister group to seed plants, (iii) Gnetales represent the sister group of all other seed plants, (iv) conifers, *Ginkgo*, and cycads form the monophyletic sister group to angiosperms, and (v) monocots are basalmost in the angiosperms, followed by *Piper*. Characteristics (iii) and (iv) are shared with the rDNA analysis of Hamby & Zimmer (1992) but not with the morphological analyses of Crane (1985), Doyle & Donoghue (1986, 1992), Loconte & Stevenson (1990), and Nixon et al. (1994). Characteristic (i) is in conflict with both morphological and molecular cladistic studies (Mishler & Churchill, 1985; Mishler et al., 1994, this issue). Characteristic (ii) contrasts both with morphological data (Bremer, 1985) and with the chloroplast genome structural findings of Raubeson & Jansen (1992) that link all tracheophytes except the lycopods, which have the pleisiomorphic (i.e., liverwortlike) state. Characteristic (v) contrasts with the results of morphological (Donoghue & Doyle, 1989; Loconte & Stevenson, 1991; Taylor & Hickey, 1992) and some rDNA (Hamby & Zimmer, 1992; cf. Zimmer et al., 1989) analyses.

Function and phylogeny. Needless to say, not all of the above observations can represent the truth about land-plant history. The groups found in the nucleotide-based parsimony analysis (Fig. 3) may well reflect historical reality, but the nature of that reality could be other than strictly phylogenetic. From our argument about nearly clocklike rates and the functional constraints that may produce them, it is reasonable to suppose that some or even all of the branchings depicted in Figure 3 may reflect primarily spurious similarities rather than phylogenetic homologies. We have assessed possible constraints on *rbcL* evolution by examining the amino acid changes implied on the internal

FIGURES 3–5. Combinable component consensus trees summarizing the results of parsimony analyses of *rbcL* evidence as (3) nucleotide, (4) string, and (5) amino acid data. For (3), the strict consensus is identical; for (4) and (5), the single combinable components are indicated by the percentage of most parsimonious trees that resolve what would otherwise be polytomies. Implications of the different topologies are discussed in the text.



branches of one of the eight equally most-parsimonious trees (Appendix I). As summarized in Table 3, over 84% of the inferred nucleotide substitutions on internal branches are silent with regard to amino acid identity. The percentage of nucleotide changes incurring functionally labile amino acid replacements (judged using the PAM-250 log-odds matrix of Dayhoff et al., 1978: 352; see Table 3) amount to an additional $\approx 13\%$. Viewed as a whole, 97.5% percent of all synapomorphous nucleotide changes are expected to have little or no effect on protein function. With a maximum of only 2.5% of these changes incurring non-labile amino acid replacements of potential structural/functional distinction (see Table 3), *rbcL* sequences appear heavily burdened by forces leading to functional conservation.¹⁰ Thus, the challenge for land-plant cladistics is to determine how strongly functionally constrained variation may also reflect phylogenetic patterns.

STRINGS

The ideal "unit" character in phylogenetic analysis is one that truly evolves as an independent unit, meaning one that independently undergoes transformations from one condition to another that are hierarchically correlated (i.e., congruent; cf. Farris, 1969) with those of other such characters. For molecular data, this may often be the individual nucleotide, but possibly also a contiguous length of DNA in an insertion/deletion event, several non-contiguous nucleotide positions that are functionally associated (e.g., because of higher order RNA or protein structure), a unique codon for a functionally constrained amino acid, or a whole chromosome in a karyological change. It is of course difficult to assess such possibilities a priori, but it is nonetheless important to begin to develop methods to examine the issue empirically.

We have thus examined some means by which the functional/phylogenetic evidence manifest in a given set of *rbcL* sequences might be represented by data forms other than nucleotide positions and their character states. The nucleotide is indeed the smallest unit character in *rbcL* evidence, but it is not necessarily the most informative nor most consistent. First, nonadditive optimization of multistate characters may restrict potential topological resolution (e.g., a 4-state, nonadditive character can

have minimum homoplasy if optimized as three autapomorphies). Additionally, direct analysis of nucleotide sequences from protein-coding genes ignores constraints imposed both by the genetic code and protein function; codon positions may be both intra- and inter-correlated (Fitch & Markowitz, 1970; Fitch, 1986).

A data transformation that may overcome these shortcomings stems from the early comparison of oligonucleotide catalogues (and even whole chromosomes; see Farris, 1978; Fox et al., 1980; Bremer & Bremer, 1989) prior to the DNA sequencing revolution: production of ad hoc nucleotide strings. Our procedure (analogous to generating mapped restriction site data) may be outlined thus: (i) generate strings of random A, T, G, and C content varying randomly in size between 6 and 21 base pairs (so that a minimum and maximum of two and seven codons are included), (ii) scan *rbcL* sequence data for the presence/absence of given strings, (iii) record recognitions by both base position and taxon, (iv) treat multiple positional recognitions by a given search string separately, (v) treat all recognitions found in two or more taxa as binary characters for cladistic analysis (sequences that have missing information at a string position are coded accordingly). Another procedure for producing string data from nucleotide sequences has been developed by J. S. Farris (unpublished); sequences are subdivided into a prespecified number of string characters ("supersites"), each of which is assigned as many states as necessary to explain observed variation. Farris's method guarantees both a complete transformation of the entire sequence as well as the non-overlap of string characters, unlike the approach used here (see below and Appendix II).

The net effect of transforming sequences into strings is twofold: (i) it incorporates more information (in terms of nucleotides or codons spanned) in a larger unit character, and (ii) decreases the probability that independent gains of the same character-state are represented in data matrices (although, in parsimony analyses, binary characters are more subject to spurious branch attraction than are nonadditive multistate characters; Albert et al., 1993). As with mapped restriction site data, the probabilities of gain versus loss of a recognition string are highly asymmetrical, with parallel gains the least likely transformation series (Templeton, 1983; DeBry & Slade, 1985; Albert et al., 1992a). Therefore, string data may contain historical markers much less likely to engage in branch attraction (which occurs because of accumulated parallelisms; cf. Felsenstein, 1978; Hendy & Penny, 1989;

¹⁰ Patterns of codon usage intrinsic to the primary nucleotide matrix are also suggestive of functional constraints; these are discussed in a separate paper (Albert, Backlund & Bremer, in press).

TABLE 3. Analysis of character support for internal branches of tree #1 (of 8) from the nucleotide analysis. "Node" refers to the node numbers on the reference tree of Appendix I. "# changes" refers to the total number of nucleotide changes optimized onto a branch. "Constant" indicates that the nucleotide site belongs in a codon position that codes for the same amino acid throughout the entire matrix. "No change" indicates that the nucleotide site belongs in a codon position that codes for two or more amino acids throughout the matrix, but that the particular change indicated at this node does not cause a change in amino acid sequence. "Labile" means that the inferred change in amino acid due to the observed change in nucleotide sequence is likely to happen by random chance or better (according to the PAM-250 log-odds matrix of Dayhoff et al., 1978: 352). "Potentially nonlabile" indicates that at least one of the potential amino acid changes inferred from a particular nucleotide position is not likely to happen by random, but that there also are some changes in the same character that are likely to happen by random chance or better. "Nonlabile" means that all inferred acid changes (often only one) occur at less than random chance.

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Albert et al., 1992a, 1993) and much more likely to contain "blocks" of evolutionarily correlated information. Nevertheless, this information could be functionally constrained, as with primary nucleotide data. This possibility can be studied similarly by examining inferred amino acid changes on cladograms; each string character is easily traced to its recognized codons and component nucleotides.

Data analysis. One thousand random strings were generated for evaluation (see Appendix II). After scanning the 40 *rbcL* sequences, 193 positionally distinct string recognitions were recorded (mostly from small strings, the largest being from a 15-mer; see Appendix II). Of these, 112 identified two or more taxa. As there was no control in our procedure for string overlap, a number of string recognitions are non-independent with respect to nucleotides identified (see Appendix II). Therefore, our string data carry an experimental bias similar to what could occur with restriction site data representing mapped cleavage points for several endonucleases. The "supersites" string transform (J. S. Farris, unpublished) avoids this difficulty entirely, and if modified for the production of presence/absence data, would be identical to our intent but superior in execution. Nevertheless, our string data should suffice to explore biological non-independence of nucleotides (functional constraints); in fact, partial replication of nucleotide "blocks" could enhance detection of conserved regions. Cladistic analysis of the string characters was performed under the Wagner criterion (Kluge & Farris, 1969; Farris, 1970; see Albert et al., 1992a) using the same program and options mentioned previously; 165 equally parsimonious trees were found ($C = 0.381$ (including all data), $R = 0.524$). The combinable component consensus tree differs from the strict by only one component (see Fig. 4).

The string data provide a different resolution of land-plant relationships than the nucleotide sequences (Figs. 3, 4). Notable differences include (i) *Equisetum* placed among the bryophytes, (ii) paraphyly of *Psilotum* + ferns and paraphyly of lycopods, (iii) sister-group status of Gnetales to angiosperms (with *Piper* basalmost), and (iv) paraphyly of angiosperms to conifers + (*Ginkgo*, cycads). Characteristics (i) and (iv) are in total conflict with other results (listed under Nucleotides, above), whereas (ii–iii) are not.

Function and phylogeny. It could be argued that cladograms produced from string-transformed data are better phylogenetic representations than

those derived from nucleotides because the unit character is substantially less subject to parallel gains (see above). However, this attribute is distinct from the nature of the history conserved by string data; whole functional units may be incorporated into single characters. Gross differences in tree topology (including paraphyly of angiosperms) may simply result from different representations of functional and phylogenetic history in string versus nucleotide data forms.

We have studied possible functional constraints on *rbcL* evolution (as above) by examining the inferred amino acid changes on the internal branches of one of the 165 equally most-parsimonious string trees (Appendix II). Striking differences from the nucleotide-based analysis (Table 3) are shown in Table 4: only 45% of string transformations (changes in underlying nucleotide sequence) are silent with regard to amino acid identity (versus ca. 84% in the nucleotide analysis, a decrease by half), and functionally labile amino acid replacements amount to an additional 25% (versus ca. 13% in the nucleotide analysis, a relative increase). Thus, 70% of underlying nucleotide changes appear to be functionally neutral, whereas non-labile amino acid replacements amount to a maximum of 28% (an additional 2.1% are ascribed to internal stop codons, which may result from sequencing errors). This greater number of presumably functional changes in underlying nucleotides does indicate a greater chance that functional associations among particular nucleotides may bias tree construction.

The different substitutional patterns between nucleotide and string data can be explained by inherent properties of the latter. Each string recognition shared by two or more sequences comprises much more inclusive and conservative information than shared nucleotide identity at a given site. From our previous arguments about functional constraints in *rbcL* sequence evolution (see The Rate "Problem" and Nucleotides, above), the majority of string recognitions are expected to identify functionally conserved nucleotide motifs. The proportional reduction in discernible silent substitutions on the nucleotide level is likely due to the increased size of the functional units compared; with a 6 base-pair string, the chance of observing a non-silent change is at least six times greater than for a single nucleotide position. The proportional increase in labile amino acid replacements can be explained through similar reasoning; if a string recognition identifies a functionally conserved motif, the larger the motif, the greater the likelihood that functional preservation need not require exact

TABLE 4. Analysis of character support for internal branches of tree #100 (of 165) from the string analysis. "Node" refers to the node numbers on the reference tree of Appendix II. "# changes" refers to the total number of string changes optimized onto a branch. "Constant" indicates that the string identifies codon positions that code for the same amino acid throughout the entire matrix. "Labile" means that the inferred change in amino acid due to the observed change in string recognition is likely to happen by random chance or better (according to the PAM-250 log-odds matrix of Dayhoff et al., 1978: 352). "Potentially nonlabile" indicates that at least one of the potential amino acid changes inferred from a particular string recognition is not likely to happen by random, but that there also are some changes in the same character that are likely to happen by random chance or better. "Nonlabile" means that all inferred amino acid changes (often only one) occur at less than random chance. "Internal stop" refers to string recognitions that identify internal stop codons, which may be sequencing artifacts.

Node	# changes	Constant	Labile	Potentially nonlabile	Nonlabile	Internal stop
77-76	7	3	3	1	0	0
76-75	7	5	2	0	0	0
75-74	6	1	1	2	1	1
74-73	4	4	0	0	0	0
73-72	4	4	0	0	0	0
72-42	4	2	2	0	0	0
42-41	9	4	3	1	1	0
72-71	4	1	1	2	0	0
71-70	6	4	2	0	0	0
70-43	5	1	1	3	0	0
70-69	2	2	0	0	0	0
69-66	7	3	1	3	0	0
66-65	4	1	1	0	2	0
65-51	3	1	1	0	0	1
51-50	3	1	1	1	0	0
50-49	6	4	2	0	0	0
49-48	8	3	3	0	1	1
48-44	6	3	1	0	2	0
48-47	4	1	0	2	1	0
47-46	8	2	3	1	2	0
46-45	3	2	0	0	1	0
65-64	4	1	2	0	1	0
64-55	3	1	1	0	1	0
55-54	2	0	1	0	1	0
54-52	1	1	0	0	0	0
54-53	3	2	0	0	1	0
64-63	1	1	0	0	0	0
63-62	4	1	1	1	1	0
62-61	2	0	0	0	2	0
61-56	2	0	1	1	0	0
60-57	2	1	0	0	1	0
60-59	5	1	2	1	1	0
59-58	2	1	1	0	0	0
69-68	4	1	1	1	0	1
68-67	10	6	1	1	2	0
Σ	155	69	39	21	22	4
	100.00%	44.51%	25.16%	13.55%	14.19%	2.08%
		69.67%		27.74%		

amino acid identity. Strings recognizing regions of non-labile change, indicating potentially radical changes in structure and function among taxa, may represent another class of conserved information.

Again, these are probably found in greater proportion because of the larger size of the unit characters. Rather than being conserved because of functional constraints (as above), such recognitions

may identify conserved markers for historical groups. Such changes may or may not have drastic physiological effects (see Hudson et al., 1990, on *rbcL*; cf. Perutz & Lehman, 1968; Nei, 1987: 270–271), but they could be of similar phylogenetic utility as chloroplast DNA rearrangements (e.g., Jansen & Palmer, 1987; Palmer et al., 1988; Bruneau et al., 1990; Lavin et al., 1990; Downie & Palmer, 1992; Downie et al., 1991; Raubeson & Jansen, 1992) if well characterized in relation to the crystal structure of the large-subunit protein (Chapman et al., 1988; Andersson et al., 1989; cf. Clegg, 1993).

AMINO ACIDS

Because *rbcL* nucleotide substitutions approximate a clock hypothesis (see The Rate “Problem,” above), amino acid changes are expected to conform to the neutral hypothesis of molecular evolution (see Nei, 1987: 47–59, 409–412), although we do not directly address this issue here. Direct inference of trees can proceed from amino acids (yet another transformation of the same primary evidence). One limitation of using the amino acid sequences themselves is the “factoring-out” of all synonymous variation at the nucleotide level; this again may make it more likely that functional associations among characters may bias tree construction. Topological resolution may also be limited because amino acid data is optimized nonadditively (Fitch, 1971) and more than four states could be available for given characters (in the *rbcL* sequences examined here, the maximum is six states at four different positions). Nevertheless, the greater the number of character states, the lower the probability of character-state parallelism and spurious branch attraction (Albert et al., 1993). It could thus be argued that amino acid data might be more suitable for bridging large evolutionary time gaps, given a roughly constant rate of substitution combined with ignorance of potentially multiple synonymous nucleotide changes. Hence, we evaluated the amino acid data for hierarchical compatibility with the results of the nucleotide and string analyses.

Data analysis. After “translating” the 40 *rbcL* sequences, 66 (out of the 476) amino acid positions identified two or more taxa. Cladistic analysis of these characters was performed under the Fitch criterion (Fitch, 1971) using the same program and options mentioned previously; 104 equally parsimonious trees were found ($C = 0.567$ (in-

cluding all data), $R = 0.554$). The combinable component consensus tree preserved one more component than the strict (see Fig. 5).

The amino acid data provide yet another resolution of land-plant relationships (cf. Figs. 3, 4): (i) lycopods are polyphyletic, with *Isoetes* sister to *Angiopteris*, (ii) *Anthoceros* is embedded among fern allies, (iii) gymnosperms as a whole (with conifers polyphyletic) are the monophyletic sister group to angiosperms (with *Nymphaea* basalmost), and (iv) *Lilium* is sister to *Dillenia*. Except for gymnosperm monophyly as hypothesized from rDNA data (see Troitsky et al., 1991) these characteristics are in total conflict with all previous studies (listed under Nucleotides, above).

From the arbiter of congruence, large-subunit amino acid data are no more appropriate for bridging gaps in asymmetric time samples than nucleotide or string data. As argued above, the clocklike behavior of *rbcL* nucleotide substitution is expected to obtain also in the translated amino acid data; thus, λ values for amino acid changes (and so the likelihood of spurious branch attraction) should also be sensitive to differences in divergence times.

Function and phylogeny. Amino acid changes in *rbcL* are apparently subject to strong functional constraints (see Nucleotides and Strings, above). One could argue that amino acid data is less subject to the “noise” of neutrality, i.e., multiple silent changes at given nucleotide positions. However, selective neutrality may be roughly maintained by labile amino acid replacements, which could similarly “wobble” back and forth across evolutionary time. Only a small percentage of individual amino acids appears to be involved in function-changing evolutionary events (see Nucleotides, above).

PENULTIMATE CONCLUSIONS

We have demonstrated the problematic, functionally constrained nature of *rbcL* markers currently being used for phylogeny estimation by many workers. Three transformations of the same evidence produced discordant cladistic topologies and substantial incongruence with previous morphological cladistic results. Of course, we do not suggest that the growing *rbcL* database be abandoned. Rather, we suggest (as will be elaborated below) that all investigators involved with *rbcL* or other gene data take heed of standard and powerful cladistic procedures for discriminating cladistic history (homology) from homoplasy (functional parallelism and reversal).

TOTAL EVIDENCE AND CHARACTER CONGRUENCE

(I) ON CHARACTERS

Every character in a data matrix showing similarity between two or more taxa is optimized under parsimony as a discrete and independent piece of information. This holds whether or not the character represents a single taxic homology or only a portion of one (which is the case with correlated or contingent characters). A taxic homology used in parsimony analysis is expected to have a single functional history (even if this history changes over time; see Riedl, 1978; Donoghue, 1989; Donoghue & Sanderson, 1992); its cladistic utility (i.e., optimization as synapomorphy or homoplasy) is tested at maximum parsimony along with all other characters in a matrix. From our argument about shared functional history (constraints) in the evolution of *rbcL*, one might be tempted to equate a given taxic homology (e.g., nuclear versus cellular endosperm development) with the entire *rbcL* gene. However, unlike a given taxic homology, *rbcL* is composed of multiple, discrete points of information, that is, its ca. 1428 nucleotides. To a parsimony algorithm, each of these data points is equivalent to the single, nonadditive taxic homology statement "functional pollen unit in the Orchidaceae: monad, tetrad, massula, or pollinium," whatever its underlying complexity.

Hence, some workers have found cladistic philosophy and methodology at an impasse. For example, it has been argued that gene information could be combined with other characters either through multistate recoding of gene trees (Doyle, 1992) or through analysis of component compatibility among separately produced cladograms (Page, 1993). Legitimate concern over potentially separate phylogenetic histories led to these suggestions, but we argue below that both approaches unnecessarily restrict the information content of cladistic hierarchies, a feature fundamental to the superiority of parsimony methods (see Farris, 1979, 1983); in fact, parsimony itself arbitrates the supposed analytical quandary.

(II) ON EVIDENCE

For cladistic analysis, evidence is the body of available information that shows patterns of similarity among terminals. A specific set of evidence may be expressed in different forms; we have shown this property through different data transformations of the *rbcL* gene (above). Approaches that combine evidence in the form of tree components do so at the cost of information content (for recent

debate on this issue, see Jones et al., 1993; Nelson, 1993; Barrett et al., 1993; De Queiroz, 1993). In fact, acceptance of parsimony as the arbiter of synapomorphy and homoplasy seems methodologically counterintuitive to component combination, which does not directly use such information (see Doyle, 1992; Page, 1993). Parsimony, acting over all evidence, will provide estimates of congruence among character-state patterns while minimizing ad hoc assumptions (Farris, 1983). For example, some characters from a multigene family (gene duplication being part of the functional burden) may not show congruence with the body of retained synapomorphy because of paralogous histories (Fitch, 1970). Nevertheless, analysis of "total" evidence (sensu Kluge, 1989) gives each data point the opportunity both to affect hierarchy directly and to be diagnosed objectively, which is not the case when evidence is decomposed a priori and later combined or reconciled (cf. Doyle, 1992; Page, 1993). In conclusion, although a functionally constrained DNA sequence like the *rbcL* gene may appear to deserve the same rank as a given morphological character, it is more evidence-rich, and all of this evidence can be examined for hierarchic correlation (sensu Farris, 1969) with other data.

(III) AN EXAMPLE

The extent to which *rbcL* evidence shows hierarchic correlation with other evidence should provide an objective measure of its freedom from biasing functional considerations, and consequentially, its phylogenetic utility. In this context, we examined character interaction between *rbcL* evidence and the primarily morphological seed-plant matrix of Nixon et al. (1994). Using the set of functional histories in the morphological matrix as a "constant," we tested the ability of different *rbcL* data forms (i.e., nucleotides, strings, and amino acids) to produce a unified representation of the same evidence. Two different sets of experiments were performed: (i) analyses including fossil taxa for which *rbcL* evidence is lacking (and therefore coded as missing data), and (ii) analyses of data for extant taxa only (the intersection of available evidence). To measure character congruence, we have used the retention index: the proportion of congruent similarity (i.e., synapomorphy) in a data matrix that is retained at maximum parsimony (see Farris, 1989a, b, 1991). Although retention is not directly comparable among different data matrices (see Goloboff, 1991), each matrix within our respective sets of experiments shares the same "constant." Additionally, each data transform of *rbcL*

TABLE 5. Homoplasy and character congruence statistics for total evidence analyses comprising morphological (Nixon et al., 1994; matrix version as of 8 November 1993) and *rbcL* data. Consistency (over all data) and retention indices are listed (see text), along with the number of trees found (see Figs. 6–8). For comparisons involving both fossil and extant taxa, 101 morphological similarities are relevant (symbolized by “N”); for extants only, there are 96 (symbolized by “N_{ext}”). The numbers of relevant similarities for each *rbcL* data transform (nucleotides, strings, amino acids) are given in the text. For analyses including fossil taxa, *rbcL* evidence was represented as missing (i.e., “?”).

	Consistency	Retention	# Trees
Fossil plus extant taxa			
N + nucleotides	0.450	0.625	44
N + strings	0.402	0.685	22
N + amino acids	0.467	0.710	309
Extant taxa only			
N _{ext} + nucleotides	0.464	0.601	3
N _{ext} + strings	0.442	0.641	7
N _{ext} + amino acids	0.518	0.670	24

is assumed to be evidentially equivalent until shown otherwise (this assumption is obviously weaker for the string data, as they do not represent a completely saturated transformation of the nucleotide sequences). Finally, we do not use retention to suggest which analysis(es) may be “better.”

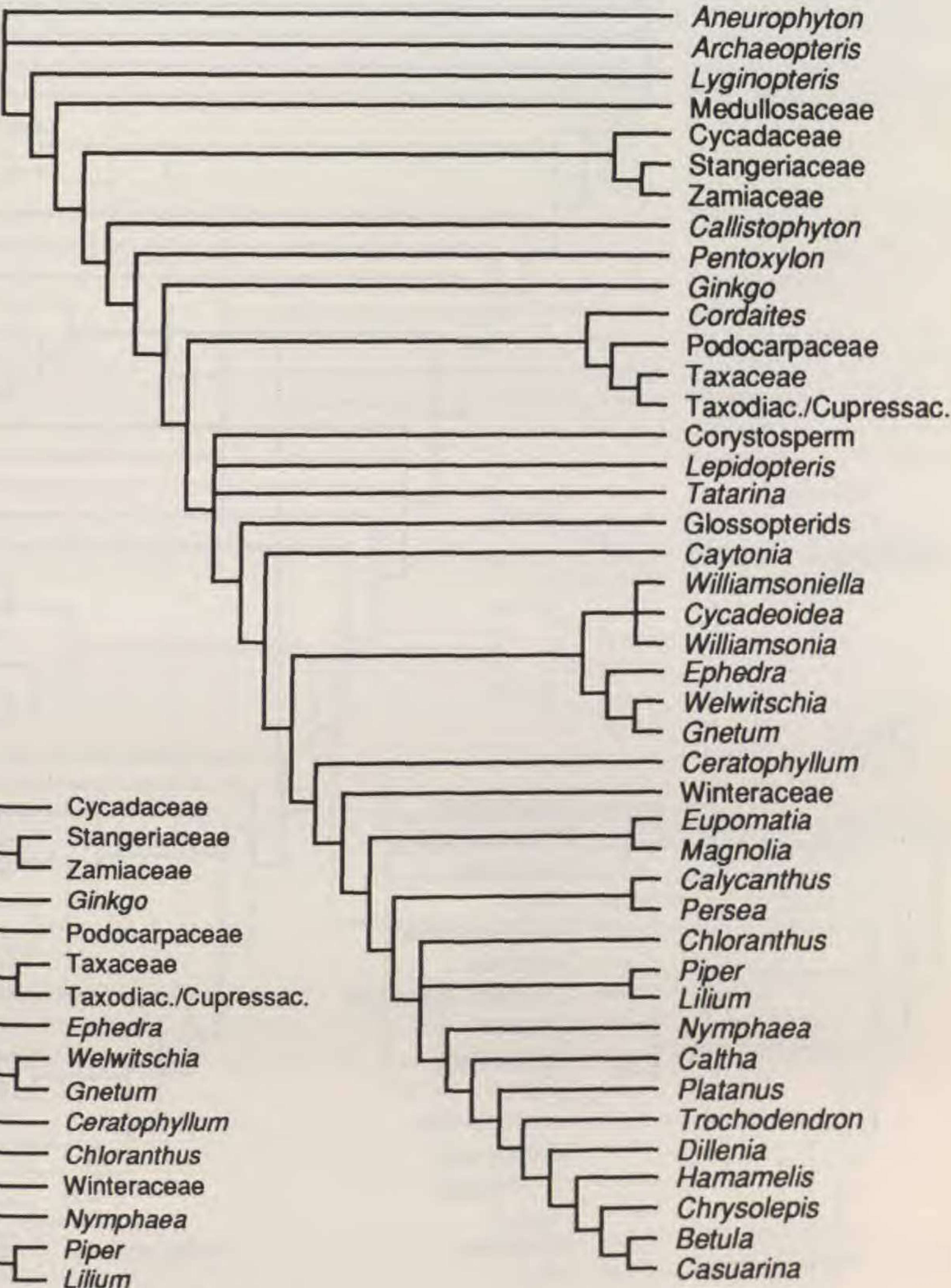
The characters and cladistic reconstructions for living and fossil seed plants are described elsewhere (Nixon et al., 1994). We used the same parsimony methods outlined above to examine six combined matrices comparing all versus extant-only taxa and nucleotide/string/amino-acid *rbcL* data in all combinations. Consistency and retention indices for each analysis are reported in Table 5, and topological results are summarized in Figures 6–8. Character congruence, as measured through retention, is similar in magnitude (range < 0.1) across each set of experiments. Although topological resolution and component placements differ somewhat with respect to the *rbcL* data form used (Figs. 6–8; see Nixon et al., 1994), the *rbcL* evidence appears to be making a consistent statement along with the morphological evidence.

With respect to extant taxa, monophyletic cycads are the most topologically ancestral in all analyses including fossils (Figs. 6a–8a). *Ginkgo* appears either external to *Cordaites* plus conifers (Figs. 6a, 7a) or monophyletic with these taxa (Fig. 8a). In extant-only analyses, *Ginkgo* similarly intercalates between cycads and conifers (Figs. 6b,

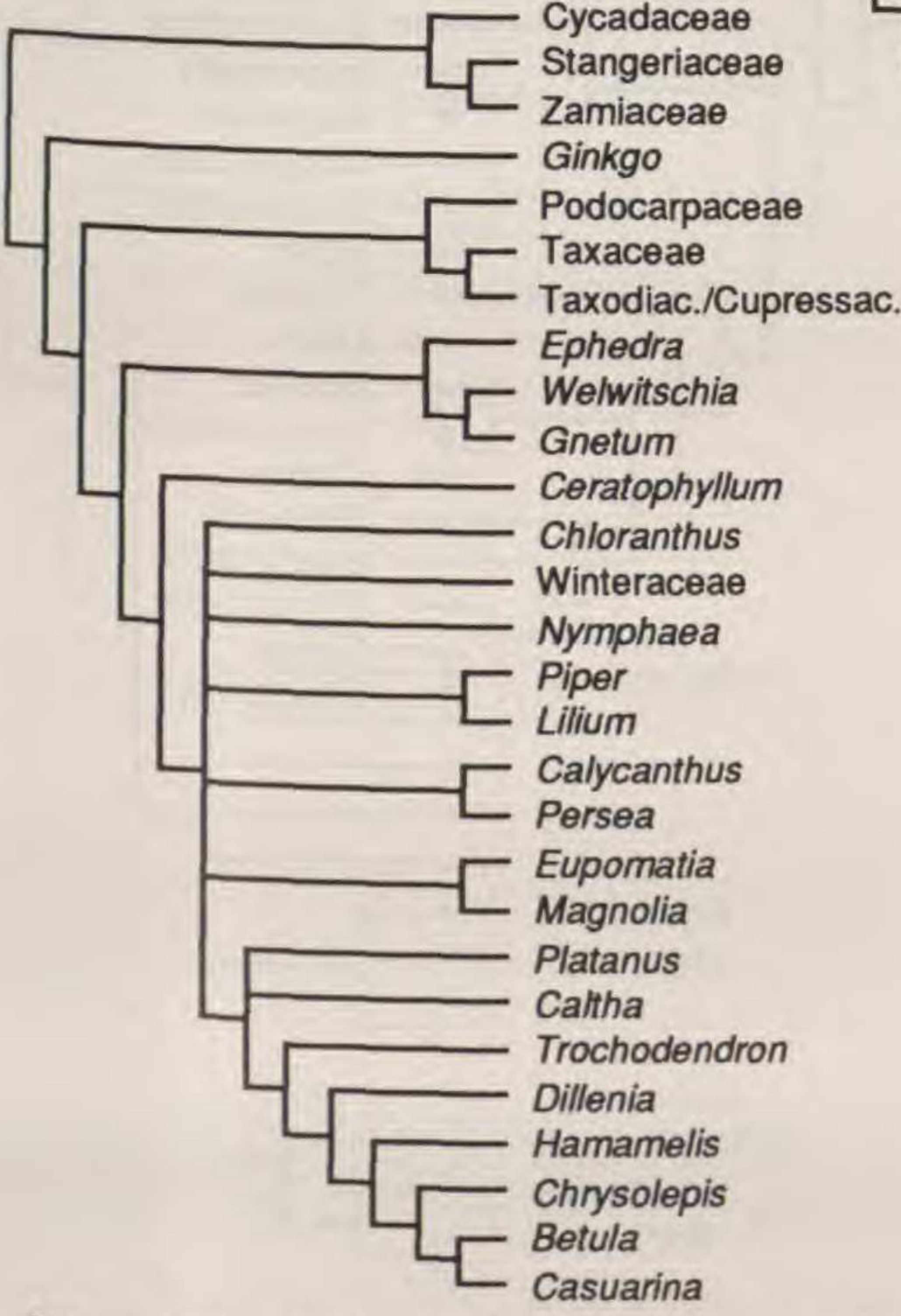
7b) or remains sister to conifers (Fig. 8b). Conifers themselves are monophyletic in most combined analyses (Figs. 6a, b, 7a, 8a, b), but are partially unresolved in the extant-only analysis with string data (Fig. 7b). Every analysis resolves the Gnetales and Bennettitales as sister to the angiosperms. *Ephedra* is uniformly sister to *Gnetum* plus *Welwitschia*, but resolution within Bennettitales is provided only in the combined analysis with amino acid data (Fig. 8a). *Ceratophyllum* is placed sister to all other angiosperms (see Les, 1988; Chase et al., 1993; Qiu et al., 1993) in the combined nucleotide and string analyses (Figs. 6a, b, 7a, b), but not in the combined amino acid analyses (Fig. 8a, b), where it either nests well within angiosperms (sister to *Chloranthus*; Fig. 8a) or remains unresolved (Fig. 8b). Indeed, relationships within the angiosperms are the least stable among the combined data analyses. Woody magnoliids occupy the basalmost branches in Figure 6a, whereas the “paleoherb” taxon *Nymphaea* occupies this position in Figure 7a, and all other analyses are indecisive on this point. Eudicots (angiosperms with triaperturate or triaperturate-derived pollen; here, *Platanus*, *Caltha*, *Trochodendron*, *Dillenia*, *Hamelis*, *Chrysolepis*, *Betula*, *Casuarina*) are monophyletic in the combined nucleotide and string analyses (Figs. 6a, b, 7a, b) (see Chase et al., 1993) but are polyphyletic in the combined amino acid analyses (Fig. 8a, b). For further discussion and reference to cladograms based solely on the morphological evidence, see Nixon et al. (1994).

The topological differences resulting from use of either *rbcL* nucleotide, string, or amino acid data might imply that different sets of morphological characters (of Nixon et al., 1994) show congruence with these different data forms. If one were to hold the evidential significance of the morphological data constant, one might identify those portions of primary *rbcL* nucleotide sequence that were incongruent under each data form and ignore them in future studies. Alternatively, one could take the opposite approach and ignore those Nixon et al. (1994) characters that were not congruent among all *rbcL* data forms. We suggest that either approach is nihilistic with respect to either *rbcL* or morphology; because congruence is an aspect of total interaction, the utility of either set of evidence is always judged relative to the other. Nevertheless, hierarchic correlation can be directed at one subset of total evidence if, as in the case of *rbcL*, it is reasonable to assume a single, unifying functional history. If an investigator were willing to hold all evidence except *rbcL* constant, hypotheses of correlation between functional constraints

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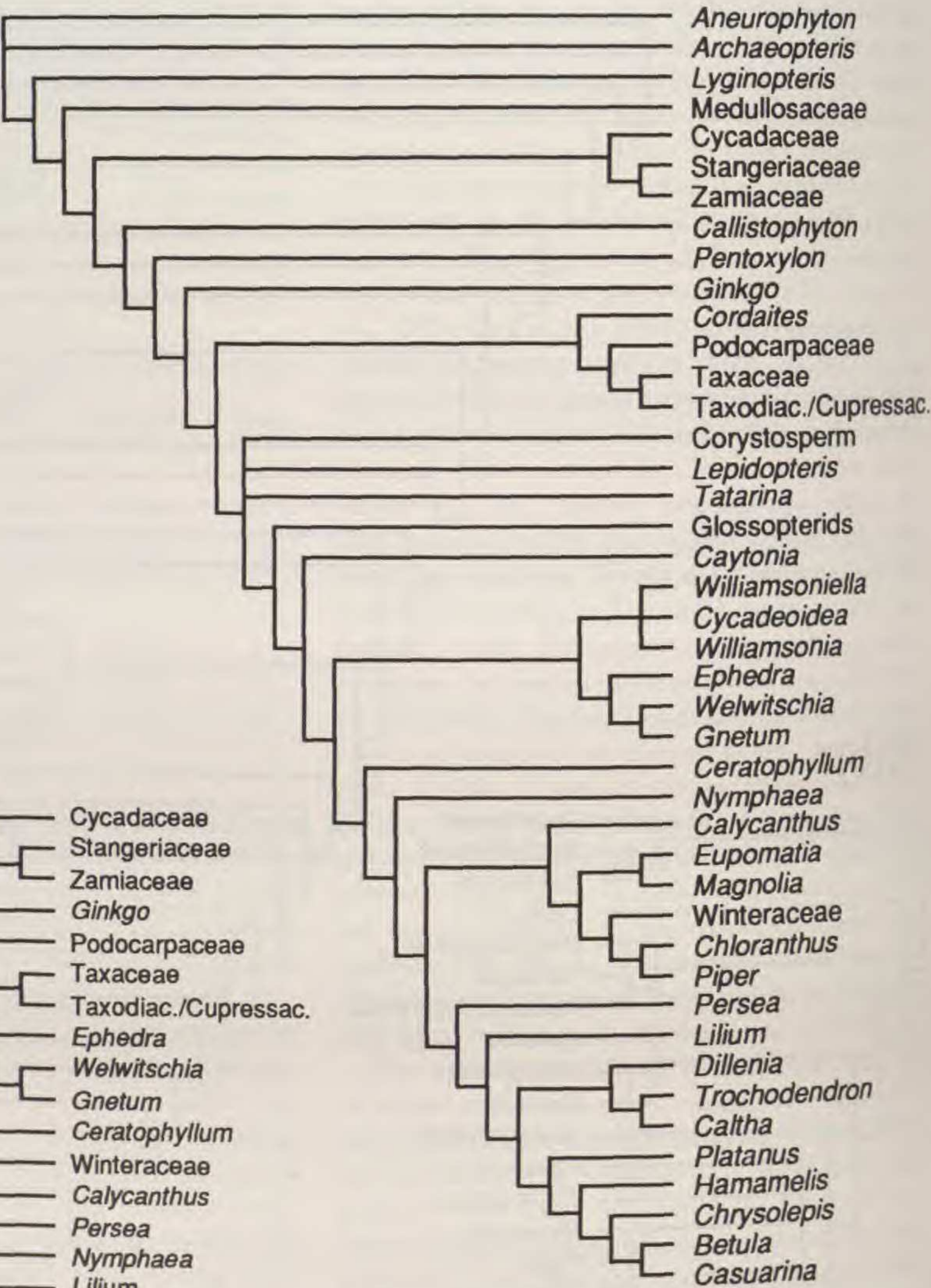


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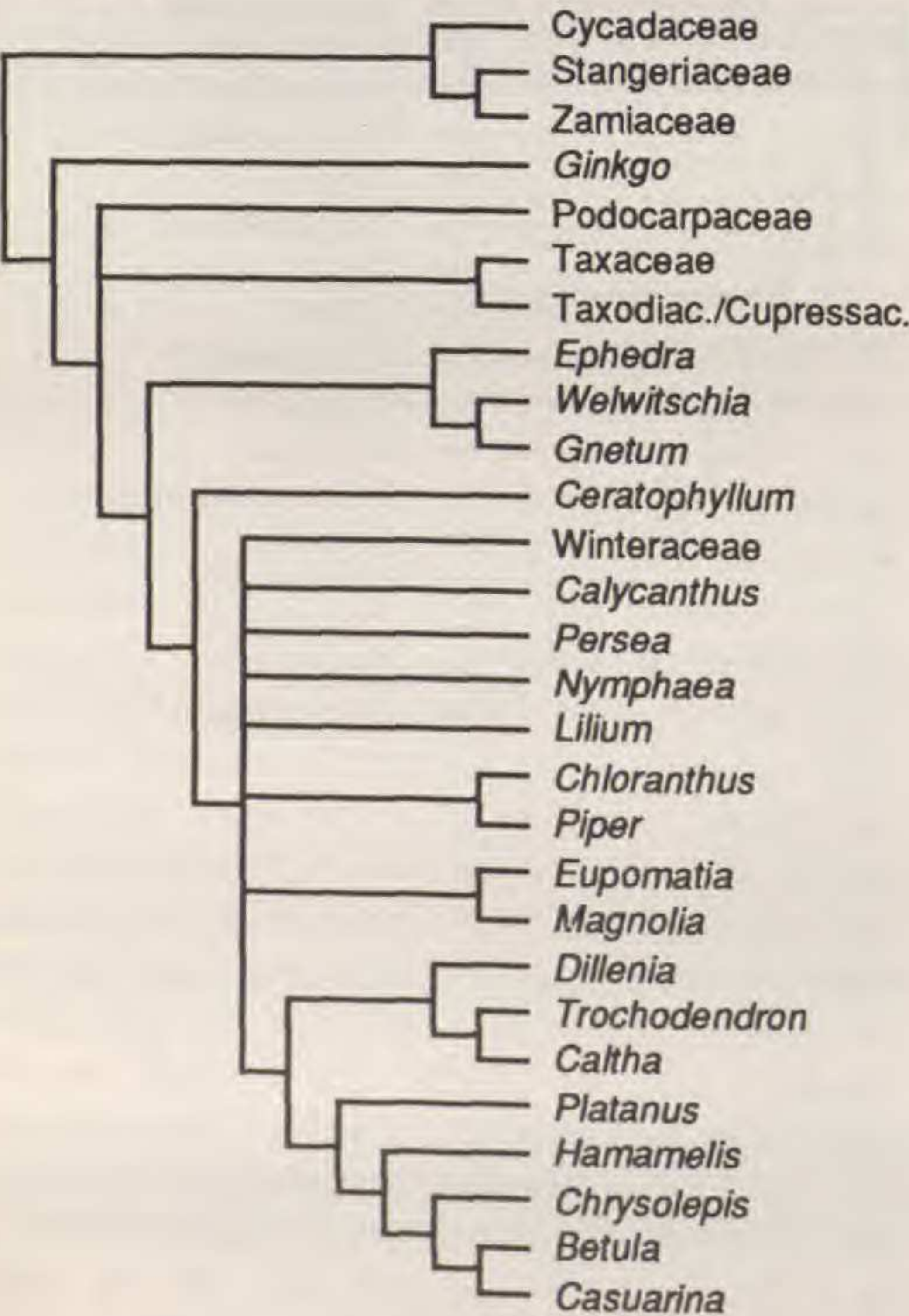


FIGURES 6-8. Total evidence analyses of morphological and *rbcL* data for fossil and extant seed plants. The morphological data and taxon sampling of Nixon et al. (1994; matrix version as of 8 November 1993) was followed for cladistic analyses of fossil and living seed plants (the "a" series) and of extant seed plants only (the "b" series). For both taxonomic scopes, *rbcL* evidence was combined as one of three data forms: nucleotide sequences (6), nucleotide string recognitions (7), or amino acid sequences (8) obtained from single organisms (see Table 2). For →

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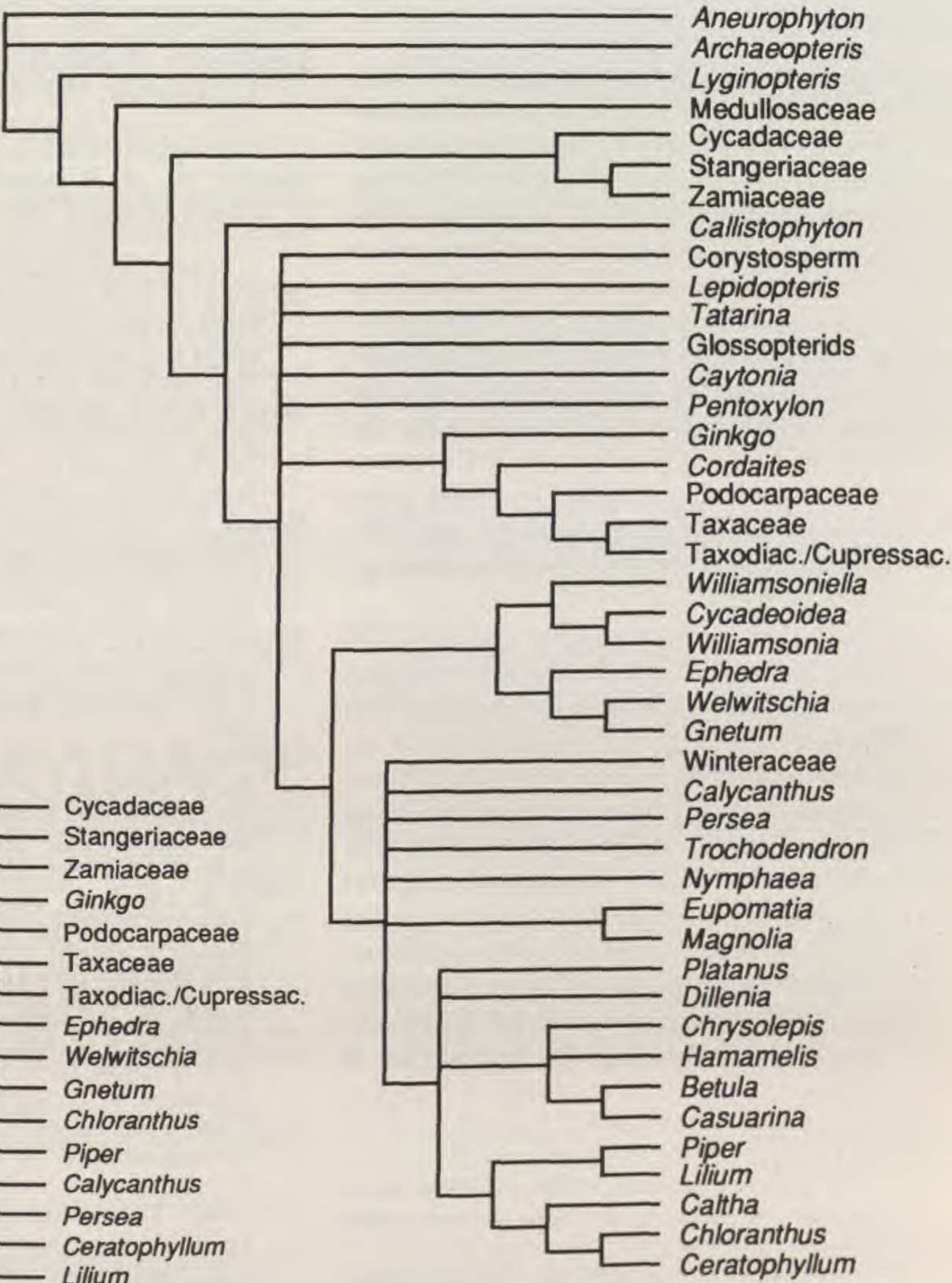


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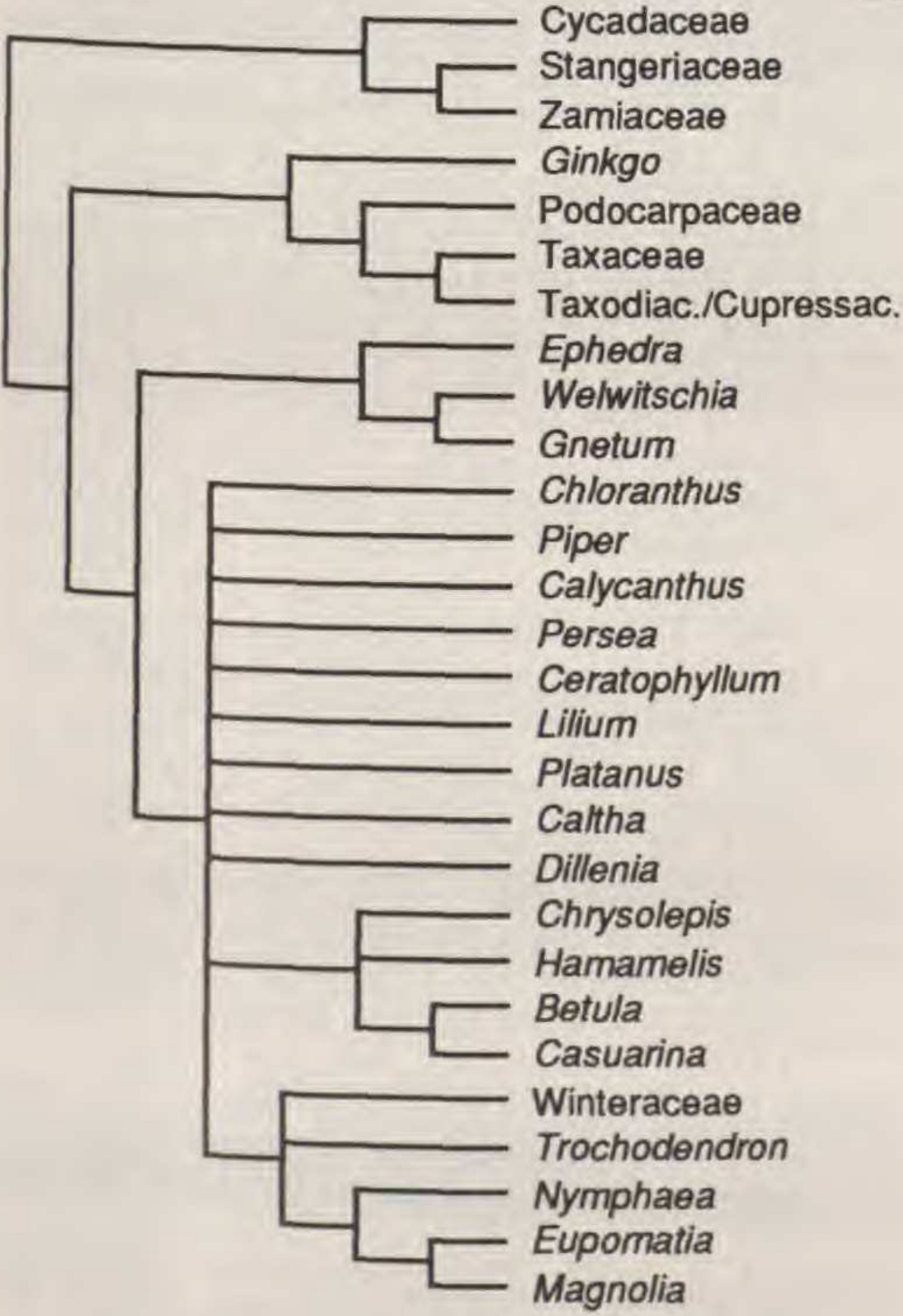


analyses including fossil taxa, *rbcL* character states were scored as missing (i.e., “?”; cf. Platnick et al., 1991; Swofford, 1993: 21–24). Topological results (from PAUP 3.1.1; Swofford, 1993) shown represent either single trees or the strict consensus (= combinable component consensus in all cases) of all most-parsimonious trees found (see Table 5). See text for further discussion.

8(a)



8(b)



and phylogenetic history could be generated from the congruence patterns of each *rbcL* character.

CONCLUSIONS

The phylogenetic informativeness of *rbcL* variation is obviously subject to any special properties the gene may have. Unlike for most morphological characters, some such properties can be listed for *rbcL* with confidence: (i) *rbcL* nucleotides show clocklike substitutional behavior, which may either help or hinder tree reconstruction depending upon the temporal depth and asymmetry of a given phylogenetic question; (ii) strong functional constraints exist over the majority of informative nucleotide characters, which is expected from (i) under the neutral theory; and (iii) the form that *rbcL* evidence takes (e.g., nucleotides, strings, or amino acids) does not appreciably affect its interaction with other evidence containing diverse functional histories (e.g., morphological data).

Although *rbcL* trees often appear consistent with taxonomic opinion (or are substantially congruent with other cladistic topologies), their power as lone cladistic tools will always be restricted by the intrinsic limits of internal evaluation of data. Because *rbcL* sequences clearly have a unifying functional history, simultaneous study of *all* available evidence become imperative. Functional constraints on *rbcL*, rDNA, or endosperm evolution are not expected to be similar; therefore patterns of character congruence among such diverse information sources will provide hypotheses of cladogenetic history significantly more powerful than studies of *rbcL* alone.

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APPENDIX 1 (pp. 554-562).* Inferred amino acid changes on the internal branches of a nucleotide-based cladogram (one of eight equally most-parsimonious).

This table and accompanying cladogram contain information about the functional impact of specific nucleotide changes (as reflected by alterations in amino acid identity). Following the apomorphy list format of PAUP 3.1.1 (Swofford, 1993), each internal branch of the ref-

erence tree is identified by the nodes it connects. For each node pair, optimized nucleotide changes are identified by position ("POS," i.e., the 1-1428 bases of the *rbcL* gene used), character consistency index ("c," each of which represents a separate contribution of the ensemble consistency of the entire tree; see Farris 1989a), the actual change inferred ("NUCΔ," with arrows following the conventions in the PAUP 3.1.1 manual; Swofford, 1993: 121), amino acid changes ("AA") that occur at this position (listed nondirectionally; see below), and their substitutional category ("SC") as determined from the PAM-250 log-odds matrix of Dayhoff et al. (1978: 352; log-odds scores of 0 and above are considered labile (L), whereas negative values are here considered nonlabile (NL); potentially nonlabile (PNL) indicates mixed-odds changes at the codon involving a given position, and synonymous changes (constant amino acid identity) are indicated by "—").

For example, a line of the following form

175 1.00 c → g R, L, A NL

can be readily diagnosed: character 175 changes from nucleotide C to nucleotide G (on this particular tree;

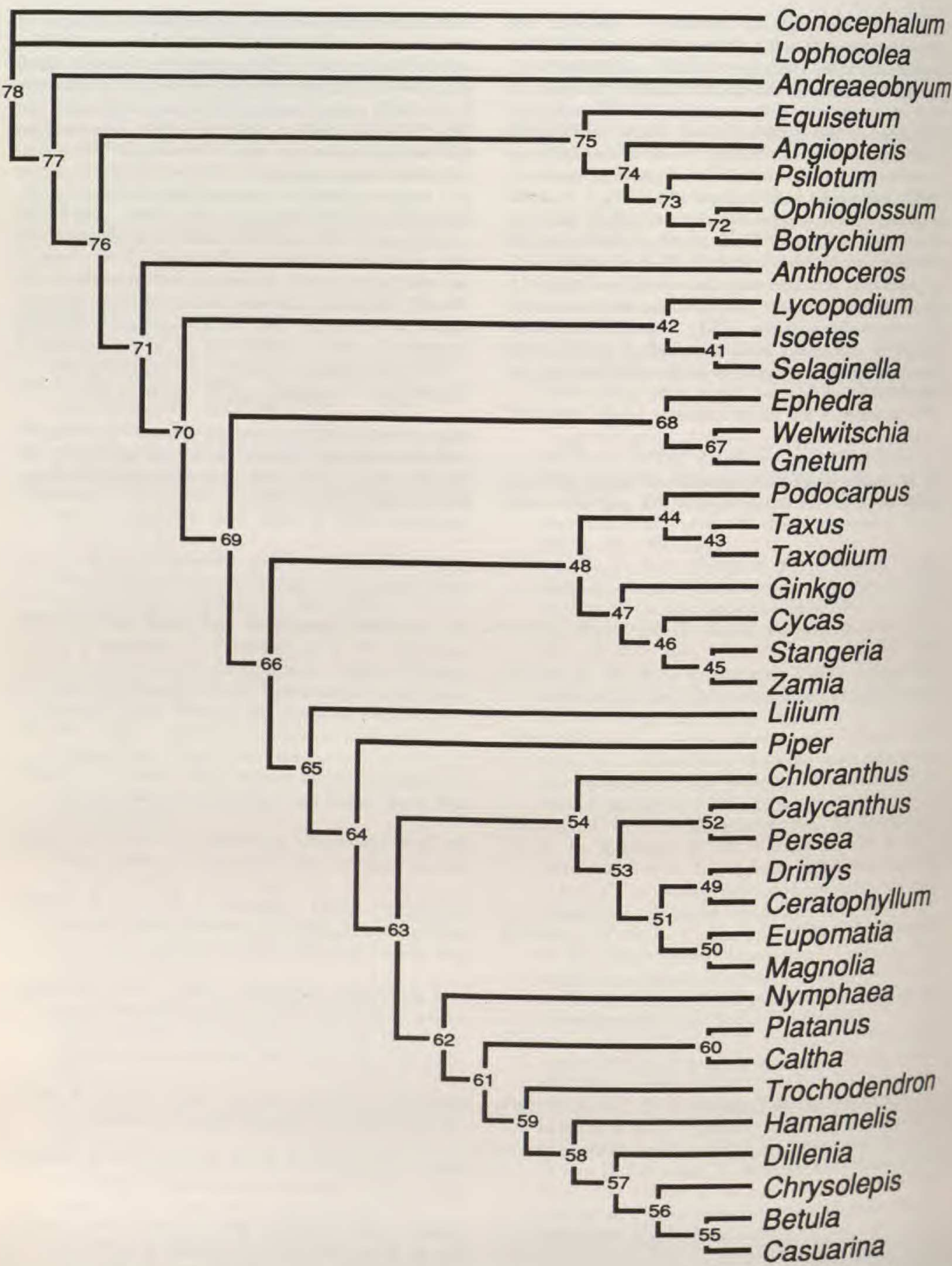
constancy of character-state reconstruction among all 8 trees would be indicated by a double-lined arrow) with a *c* of 1.000 (i.e., no homoplasy), and the codon in which character 175 belongs changes between the amino acids R, L, and A (using standard IUB amino acid codes; see Nei, 1987: 24; Swofford, 1993: 67). Note, however, that this does not necessarily mean that this particular character-state change gives the indicated changes in amino acid sequence; rather, it merely indicates that it *might* be involved in the changes (i.e., the C → G nucleotide transformation may not affect amino acid identify at all; thus, the indicated amino acid changes are the "worst" that can happen under the influence of character 175). The NL designation indicates that any pairwise transformation between R, L, and A would represent a nonlabile change.

In the line below

486 0.167 a → g L, S —

there is a nucleotide transformation in position 486, yet it can be positively diagnosed as *not* responsible for the different amino acid identities in its associated codon (thus, the SC is given as "—").

* Correction added in proof: P. 560, under "NODE 62-61," third line from bottom, right hand column, should read "L."



NODE 78-77					1176 0.250 a->g E,D					- NODE 70-42				
POS	c	NUCA	AA	SC	1254	0.429	t=>a	constant		POS	c	NUCA	AA	SC
68	0.200	a->c	T,N	L	1363	0.167	c->t	constant		48	0.500	t=>c	constant	-
69	0.500	c->t	T,N	-						102	0.429	t=>c	constant	-
102	0.429	a->t	constant	-	NODE 76-71					109	0.333	t->c	constant	-
150	0.231	a->t	A,P,S	L	POS	c	NUCA	AA	SC	280	0.250	g->a	D,E,K,T	L
165	0.231	a->t	A,W	NL	60	0.250	t->c	constant	-	313	0.250	t->c	constant	-
175	1.000	c->g	R,L,A	NL	111	0.200	a=>g	constant	-	336	0.250	t->c	constant	-
186	0.222	a->c	constant	-	138	0.273	t->a	P,L	-	403	0.333	c=>t	constant	-
204	0.375	a->t	constant	-	165	0.231	t->c	A,W	-	447	0.167	a->g	Q,M,I,T,L,W	L
342	1.000	a=>c	constant	-	225	0.333	t=>c	constant	-	453	0.273	a->g	constant	-
345	0.333	t->c	constant	-	258	0.333	t=>c	G,D,E,N,H	-	543	0.333	t->c	constant	-
391	0.333	a=>c	R,P	L	321	0.333	a=>g	constant	-	597	0.167	t->c	constant	-
405	0.222	t->a	constant	-	327	0.167	a->g	constant	-	630	0.300	a->g	P,A	-
433	0.250	a->t	T,V,S,I	PNL	351	0.167	t=>c	constant	-	648	0.200	t->c	constant	-
435	0.300	a->c	T,V,S,I	PNL	486	0.167	a->g	L,S	-	690	0.429	t=>c	A,G,T	-
552	0.200	t=>c	constant	-	564	0.214	t->a	A,V	-	699	0.250	t->c	constant	-
696	0.286	t=>a	constant	-	603	0.143	a->g	constant	-	711	0.250	a->t	constant	-
711	0.250	a->g	constant	-	615	0.125	t->c	constant	-	729	0.250	t->c	constant	-
740	0.667	c=>g	S,C,Y	L	682	0.333	t->g	S,A	L	840	0.167	g->a	L,S	-
764	0.400	c=>a	A,Q,E,V,H,I	PNL	708	0.200	a=>g	constant	-	843	1.000	t=>c	A,S	-
767	0.333	g=>t	C,F	NL	759	0.333	a=>g	constant	-	870	0.600	t->a	constant	-
783	0.600	t->a	constant	-	785	0.200	c->t	V,M,A	PNL	885	0.286	t->c	constant	-
785	0.200	t->c	V,M,A	PNL	786	0.500	t->g	V,M,A	L	915	0.167	a->g	K,R	-
786	0.500	a->t	V,M,A	L	844	0.200	t->c	H,Y,S,F	PNL	975	0.333	t=>c	constant	-
789	0.429	a=>t	constant	-	858	0.167	t=>c	constant	-	982	0.182	g->t	A,S,T	L
810	0.333	a->g	constant	-	1021	0.333	g->a	V,I,L,M	L	1005	0.375	t->c	constant	-
840	0.167	a=>g	L,S	-	1062	0.500	c=>t	I,Y	-	1018	0.250	g->c	Q,E,D	L
844	0.200	c->t	H,Y,S,F	PNL	1198	0.167	t->c	L,S	-	1042	0.167	t->c	L,S	-
906	0.286	a->c	D,R	-	1212	0.429	a->g	constant	-	1068	0.333	a->g	K,R,E	-
958	0.500	t->a	L,M	L	1320	0.143	a=>g	Q,E,A	-	1077	0.200	t->c	constant	-
1027	0.167	c->t	constant	-	1335	0.167	t->c	constant	-	1176	0.250	g->a	E,D	-
1035	0.250	c->t	constant	-	1398	0.250	a->g	R,K,I	-	1198	0.167	c->t	L,S	-
1038	0.500	a->t	constant	-	NODE 71-70					1206	0.111	t->c	constant	-
1072	0.500	a=>c	constant	-	POS	c	NUCA	AA	SC	1221	0.200	a=>g	L,S	-
1095	0.500	a=>t	constant	-	88	0.143	g->a	E,K,Q,T	L	1236	0.333	a=>g	constant	-
1101	0.250	t->c	constant	-	138	0.273	a->c	P,L	-	1260	0.250	t->c	constant	-
1134	1.000	a->t	constant	-	150	0.231	t=>c	A,P,S	-	1329	0.600	a=>g	D,E	-
1212	0.429	t=>a	constant	-	153	0.111	a=>g	constant	-	1335	0.167	c->t	constant	-
1227	0.286	t=>c	H,Q	-	261	0.167	t->c	I,L	-	1345	0.154	a=>t	A,S,T,C	L
1260	0.250	c->t	constant	-	315	0.167	a->g	constant	-	1350	0.250	a->g	constant	-
1290	1.000	a=>t	constant	-	342	1.000	c=>t	constant	-	1371	0.200	t->c	constant	-
1345	0.154	g->a	A,S,T,C	L	387	0.333	t=>c	constant	-	NODE 42-41				
1346	0.125	c=>g	A,S,T,C	L	405	0.222	a->g	constant	-	POS	c	NUCA	AA	SC
					414	0.167	a=>g	S,L	-	132	0.286	t->c	constant	-
					444	0.167	t->c	F,C	-	189	0.375	t=>c	constant	-
					510	0.167	a->g	constant	-	207	0.600	t=>c	constant	-
					519	0.182	c->t	constant	-	225	0.333	c=>t	constant	-
					711	0.250	g->a	constant	-	267	0.375	t=>c	P,T	-
					720	0.200	a->g	constant	-	297	0.200	t=>c	A,V,C	-
					792	0.500	t->c	I,S	-	324	0.167	t=>c	constant	-
					795	0.250	t->c	V,G	-	441	0.286	t=>c	constant	-
					822	0.143	t->c	constant	-	459	0.250	t=>c	constant	-
					876	0.143	t->c	constant	-	528	0.429	a->g	constant	-
					981	0.143	t->c	constant	-	567	1.000	t->c	constant	-
					1071	0.167	t=>c	constant	-	676	0.500	t=>a	Y,N,F	NL
					1101	0.250	c->t	constant	-	696	0.286	a=>g	constant	-
					1128	0.222	t->c	constant	-	702	0.200	a=>g	constant	-
					1149	0.111	t->c	constant	-	718	0.333	t=>c	constant	-
					1168	0.250	t=>c	L,*	-	744	0.250	a=>g	constant	-
					1170	0.143	a=>g	L,*	-	768	0.167	t=>c	C,F	-
					1179	0.400	t=>c	constant	-	780	0.143	a=>g	constant	-
					1245	0.200	t->a	constant	-	855	0.400	a=>g	constant	-
					1363	0.167	t->c	constant	-	897	0.667	a=>t	A,V	-
										912	0.333	a=>g	constant	-
										969	0.429	a=>g	constant	-
										993	0.750	a=>g	constant	-

996	0.400	a=>g	constant	-	279	0.167	a=>g	constant	-	456	0.222	t->a	constant	-
1011	0.429	a=>g	constant	-	315	0.167	g->a	constant	-	471	0.500	t=>g	A,V	-
1021	0.333	a->g	V,I,L,M	L	412	0.200	t=>c	S,L	-	505	0.200	c->t	constant	-
1095	0.500	t=>c	constant	-	505	0.200	t->c	constant	-	538	0.400	t=>c	L,I	-
1137	0.231	g->a	constant	-	534	0.200	a=>g	constant	-	718	0.333	t->c	constant	-
1140	0.300	a=>g	constant	-	549	0.200	a->g	constant	-	759	0.333	g=>a	constant	-
1164	0.333	t=>c	P,Q,S	-	600	0.333	t=>c	constant	-	768	0.167	t=>c	C,F	-
1212	0.429	g->c	constant	-	624	0.667	t=>c	constant	-	825	0.375	t=>g	T,I	-
1296	0.333	t=>c	constant	-	663	0.500	c->t	V,C	-	835	0.500	a=>t	S,I,T	L
1377	1.000	t=>c	constant	-	687	0.167	a->g	constant	-	836	0.222	g=>c	S,I,T	L
NODE 70-69					696	0.286	a=>g	constant	-	837	0.300	c=>g	S,I,T	-
POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC	780	0.143	a=>g	constant	-	1023	0.231	c->a	V,I,L,M	-
10	0.500	c=>a	-	-	813	0.231	a=>g	constant	-	1122	0.400	t=>c	constant	-
		excluded, (PRIMER)			861	0.143	t->c	constant	-	1128	0.222	c->t	constant	-
15	1.000	g=>a	-	-	963	0.182	c->t	C,S	-	1198	0.167	c->t	L,S	-
		excluded, (PRIMER)			1029	0.250	a->g	constant	-	1224	0.429	a->g	constant	-
75	0.125	c->t	Y,F	-	1047	0.429	t=>g	constant	-	1263	0.500	a=>g	R,*	-
84	0.214	t=>g	D,E,Q	L	1056	0.167	c->t	constant	-	1389	0.143	g->a	constant	-
88	0.143	a->c	E,K,Q,T	L	1140	0.300	a=>g	constant	-	1397	1.000	a->t	R,K,I	NL
108	0.400	t=>c	I,T	-	1173	0.167	t=>c	constant	-	1413	1.000	a->t	T,A,S,E,P	-
124	1.000	a=>g	M,V,L	L	1185	0.200	a=>g	constant	-	NODE 44-43				
126	1.000	g=>a	M,V,L	-	1203	0.200	a=>g	constant	-	POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC
165	0.231	c->a	A,W	-	1398	0.250	g->a	R,K,I	-	10	0.500	a->c	- excluded,	-
201	0.250	t=>c	constant	-	NODE 66-48					18	0.333	g->a	- excluded,	-
246	0.333	t=>a	constant	-	POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC	81	0.333	t->a	constant	-
271	0.250	g->c	P,A,V,T	L	33	0.500	t=>c	V,S,F,D,A	-	258	0.333	c=>t	G,D,E,N,H	-
318	0.250	t=>c	constant	-	84	0.214	g=>a	D,E,Q	-	284	0.286	a=>g	N,D,S,T,E,G	L
321	0.333	g=>t	constant	-	138	0.273	c->t	P,L	-	318	0.250	c=>t	constant	-
327	0.167	g->a	constant	-	243	0.200	a=>g	constant	-	414	0.167	g=>a	S,L	-
388	0.333	t=>c	constant	-	290	0.125	a->t	Y,F	L	435	0.300	c=>a	T,V,S,I	-
397	0.333	t->c	L,S,I	-	297	0.200	t=>c	A,V,C	-	450	0.214	t=>c	constant	-
486	0.167	g->a	L,S	-	309	0.143	t->c	constant	-	498	0.333	c->t	constant	-
504	0.167	t->c	constant	-	312	0.182	t->c	P,F	-	504	0.167	c=>t	constant	-
522	0.286	t->c	constant	-	346	0.333	a->c	M,L	L	507	0.333	a=>g	constant	-
660	0.167	c->t	constant	-	498	0.333	t->c	constant	-	522	0.286	c->a	constant	-
661	1.000	g=>t	V,C	-	546	0.250	t=>c	constant	-	564	0.214	a->c	A,V	-
662	1.000	t=>g	V,C	-	552	0.200	c->t	constant	-	579	0.375	t=>c	constant	-
663	0.500	a->c	V,C	-	570	0.200	t=>c	constant	-	612	0.111	g->a	constant	-
672	0.300	t->a	constant	-	612	0.111	a->g	constant	-	618	0.333	a=>g	constant	-
673	0.111	c=>a	L,I	-	639	0.333	t=>c	constant	-	702	0.200	a=>g	constant	-
764	0.400	a=>t	A,Q,E,V,H,I	NL	656	0.500	t->g	L,V,C	-	813	0.231	g->a	constant	-
786	0.500	g->t	V,M,A	-	657	1.000	a=>c	L,V,C	NL	952	0.500	t=>c	L,S	-
810	0.333	g->a	constant	-	693	0.167	a->g	constant	-	984	0.182	c->t	A,S,T	-
837	0.300	t->c	S,I,T	-	771	0.375	t->c	constant	-	1045	0.333	c=>t	constant	-
852	0.286	t->c	constant	-	808	0.167	t=>c	constant	-	1107	0.333	a=>c	constant	-
864	0.333	t=>c	constant	-	810	0.333	a->g	constant	-	1116	0.222	a=>g	P,A	-
906	0.286	c->t	D,R	-	822	0.143	c->t	constant	-	1137	0.231	g=>a	constant	-
927	0.231	t->g	I,M	L	885	0.286	t=>c	constant	-	1140	0.300	g=>a	constant	-
940	0.250	t=>c	L,S	-	914	0.143	a->g	K,R	L	1215	1.000	a->c	constant	-
1017	0.333	t=>a	constant	-	954	0.286	a=>g	L,S	-	1266	0.429	t=>c	constant	-
1023	0.231	a=>c	V,I,L,M	-	1021	0.333	a->g	V,I,L,M	L	1338	0.333	t=>c	constant	-
1058	0.500	a=>t	Y,F,C,L	L	1042	0.167	t=>c	L,S	-	1346	0.125	g=>c	A,S,T,C	L
1116	0.222	t=>a	P,A	-	1221	0.200	a=>g	L,S	-	1359	0.286	c->t	P,A,L	-
1123	0.250	t=>c	L,S,F,I,M	L	1245	0.200	a->t	constant	-	NODE 48-47				
1212	0.429	g->a	constant	-	1320	0.143	g=>a	Q,E,A	-	POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC
1330	0.167	a->g	I,V	L	1332	0.500	t=>g	I,V	-	39	0.333	c=>t	constant	-
1389	0.143	a->g	constant	-	1359	0.286	t->c	P,A,L	-	150	0.231	c=>t	A,P,S	-
1392	0.143	a->g	constant	-	1416	0.667	g->t	I,M,V,W	L	159	0.167	a=>g	constant	-
NODE 69-66					1422	0.429	g=>t	T,V,L,K	-	165	0.231	a=>t	A,W	-
POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC	NODE 48-44					549	0.200	g->a	constant	-
90	0.250	g->a	E,K,Q,T	-	POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC	603	0.143	g->a	constant	-
144	0.333	a->g	constant	-	90	0.250	a->g	E,K,Q,T	-	741	0.111	t->c	S,C,Y	-
177	0.300	t=>c	R,L,A	-	147	0.154	a=>c	constant	-	861	0.143	c->t	constant	-
264	0.333	a->g	D,E	-	264	0.333	g->a	D,E	-	906	0.286	t=>c	D,R	-
267	0.375	t=>c	P,T	-	276	0.286	g->a	constant	-	1212	0.429	a=>g	constant	-
276	0.286	a->g	constant	-	393	0.231	a->g	R,P	-	1269	0.600	t->c	constant	-

1410 0.429 a->g E,D,A,K,P,Q -
1420 1.000 a->g T,V,L,K -
1421 0.667 c->t T,V,L,K -
1425 0.429 a->g L,V,C -

NODE 47-46

POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC
75	0.125	t=>c	Y,F	-
102	0.429	t=>c	constant	-
117	0.500	a=>g	constant	-
177	0.300	c=>t	R,L,A	-
231	0.286	t->c	constant	-
246	0.333	a=>g	constant	-
321	0.333	t=>c	constant	-
346	0.333	c->a	M,L	L
402	0.500	t->c	constant	-
405	0.222	g->a	constant	-
412	0.200	c=>t	S,L	-
519	0.182	t->c	constant	-
522	0.286	c->t	constant	-
552	0.200	t->c	constant	-
660	0.167	t=>c	constant	-
753	0.188	g->a	L,M,I	L
807	0.250	t=>c	constant	-
834	0.600	t=>c	T,M	-
957	0.400	t->a	R,C	-
963	0.182	t->c	C,S	-
1067	1.000	a=>g	K,R,E	L
1194	0.250	t=>c	S,F,A	-
1206	0.111	t=>c	constant	-
1257	0.500	t=>g	constant	-

NODE 46-45

POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC
88	0.143	c->a	E,K,Q,T	L
141	0.333	a=>g	constant	-
162	0.429	a=>g	A,W	-
279	0.167	g=>a	constant	-
284	0.286	a->c	N,D,S,T,E,G	L
741	0.111	c->t	S,C,Y	-
762	0.333	a=>t	A,Q,E,V,H,I	L
957	0.400	a->c	R,C	-
1209	0.286	t=>c	constant	-
1266	0.429	t=>c	constant	-
1362	0.429	a=>g	E,D	-

NODE 66-65

POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC
62	0.500	g=>a	R,K,T	L
66	0.167	a->g	L,I	-
88	0.143	c->g	E,K,Q,T	L
144	0.333	g->t	constant	-
153	0.111	g->a	constant	-
162	0.429	a=>g	A,W	-
168	0.273	a->g	constant	-
201	0.250	c=>a	constant	-
207	0.600	t=>g	constant	-
255	0.200	t=>c	Y,C	-
256	0.667	g=>c	G,D,E,N,H	L
271	0.250	c->g	P,A,V,T	L
363	0.250	a=>g	constant	-
378	0.500	a->c	constant	-
408	0.167	a->g	constant	-
450	0.214	t=>c	constant	-
453	0.273	a=>g	constant	-
462	0.429	t=>c	constant	-
486	0.167	a->g	L,S	-
492	0.250	a=>g	constant	-

522	0.286	c->t	constant	-
537	0.429	t->a	constant	-
579	0.375	t->c	constant	-
582	0.167	t=>c	constant	-
618	0.333	a=>g	constant	-
621	0.250	t=>c	constant	-
648	0.200	t=>c	constant	-
666	0.500	a=>c	constant	-
684	0.300	t=>g	A,S	-
690	0.429	t=>c	A,G,T	-
705	0.333	t->c	I,V	-
708	0.200	g=>a	constant	-
762	0.333	a=>c	A,Q,E,V,H,I	L
795	0.250	c->a	V,G	-
807	0.250	t=>c	constant	-
816	0.750	a=>g	constant	-
819	0.250	t=>a	constant	-
882	0.100	c->t	constant	-
912	0.333	a=>g	constant	-
933	0.143	c->t	constant	-
984	0.182	c->t	A,S,T	-
990	0.500	t->a	T,I	-
1005	0.375	t=>g	constant	-
1017	0.333	a->c	constant	-
1020	0.200	a->g	Q,E,D	-
1060	0.333	a->g	Y,F,C,L	-
1107	0.333	a=>c	constant	-
1131	0.333	a->g	constant	-
1206	0.111	t->c	constant	-
1266	0.429	t=>g	constant	-
1278	0.500	t=>g	A,V	-
1330	0.167	g->a	I,V	L
1347	0.200	t->c	A,S,T,C	-
1401	0.250	t=>c	constant	-
1407	0.500	t->c	F,I,L	-
1411	0.600	a->c	T,A,S,E,P	L

NODE 65-64

POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC
165	0.231	a=>t	A,W	-
186	0.222	c=>t	constant	-
228	0.125	t=>c	N,S	-
351	0.167	c=>t	constant	-
456	0.222	t->c	constant	-
537	0.429	a->g	constant	-
555	0.100	t->c	constant	-
672	0.300	a->t	constant	-
673	0.111	a=>c	L,I	L
741	0.111	t=>c	S,C,Y	-
753	0.188	g->a	L,M,I	L
879	0.667	t=>c	constant	-
915	0.167	a=>g	K,R	-
982	0.182	g=>t	A,S,T	L
990	0.500	a->c	T,I	-
1011	0.429	a=>g	constant	-
1017	0.333	c->g	constant	-
1047	0.429	g=>a	constant	-
1080	0.333	t=>c	constant	-
1137	0.231	g=>a	constant	-
1167	0.200	t=>c	A,L	-
1194	0.250	t=>c	S,F,A	-
1356	0.143	t->c	constant	-
1411	0.600	c->g	T,A,S,E,P	-
1422	0.429	g=>c	T,V,L,K	-
1425	0.429	a->g	L,V,C	-

NODE 64-63

POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC
150	0.231	c=>t	A,P,S	-
153	0.111	a->g	constant	-
309	0.143	t=>c	constant	-
378	0.500	c->g	constant	-
474	0.250	a=>g	constant	-
564	0.214	a->g	A,V	-
612	0.111	a->g	constant	-
696	0.286	g=>a	constant	-
753	0.188	a->c	L,M,I	-
771	0.375	t=>c	constant	-
813	0.231	g->a	constant	-
885	0.286	t=>c	constant	-
927	0.231	g=>a	I,M	L
951	0.222	a->g	constant	-
1060	0.333	g->a	I,Y	-
1299	0.125	a=>g	constant	-
1320	0.143	g=>a	Q,E,A	-
1380	0.200	a=>g	E,A	-

NODE 63-54

POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC
84	0.214	g=>c	D,E,Q	L
433	0.250	t->a	T,V,S,I	L
546	0.250	t=>c	constant	-
672	0.300	t->c	constant	-
1020	0.200	g->c	Q,E,D	L

NODE 54-53

POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC
543	0.333	t=>c	constant	-
813	0.231	a->g	constant	-
982	0.182	t->g	A,S,T	L
1245	0.200	a->t	constant	-

NODE 53-51

POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC
45	0.750	t->c	constant	-
424	0.200	c=>a	V,P,L,T,I	L
425	0.200	c->t	V,P,L,T,I	PNL
433	0.250	a=>g	T,V,S,I	L
434	0.250	c=>t	T,V,S,I	L
672	0.300	c->t	constant	-
753	0.188	c=>g	L,M,I	L
864	0.333	c->t	constant	-
915	0.167	g->a	R,K	-
1408	0.500	g=>a	E,D,A,K,P,Q	L

NODE 51-49

POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC
162	0.429	g->a	constant	-
168	0.273	g->a	constant	-
655	0.250	t=>g	L,V,C	L
684	0.300	g=>a	S,A	-
732	0.125	a=>g	constant	-
836	0.222	g=>c	S,I,T	L
1131	0.333	g=>a	constant	-
1167	0.200	c=>t	A,L	-
1345	0.154	a=>t	A,S,T,C	L

NODE 51-50					836	0.222	g->c	S, I, T	L	1245	0.200	g->c	constant	-
POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC	1278	0.500	g=>a	A, V	-	1345	0.154	a=>g	A, S, T, C	L
57	0.333	t=>g	D, E	L	1401	0.250	c=>t	constant	-	1346	0.125	g=>c	A, S, T, C	L
84	0.214	c=>a	D, E, Q	L	NODE 59-58					1347	0.200	c=>t	A, S, T, C	-
284	0.286	a=>g	N, D, S, T, E, G	L	POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC	1362	0.429	a=>g	E, D	-
561	0.333	a=>g	constant	-	153	0.111	g->a	constant	-	1408	0.500	g=>c	E, D, A, K, P, Q	L
774	0.500	a=>g	R, K	-	177	0.300	g->t	R, L, A	-	1409	0.250	a=>c	E, D, A, K, P, Q	L
1111	0.286	a=>t	L, M, T	L	228	0.125	c=>t	N, S	-	NODE 56-55				
1140	0.300	g=>c	constant	-	284	0.286	a=>g	N, D, S, T, E, G	L	POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC
1318	0.500	g=>c	Q, E, A	L	312	0.182	t=>c	P, F	-	117	0.500	c->g	constant	-
NODE 53-52					390	0.667	a=>g	constant	-	165	0.231	c->a	A, W	-
POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC	450	0.214	c->t	constant	-	168	0.273	g=>a	constant	-
108	0.400	c=>t	I, T	-	528	0.429	a=>t	constant	-	393	0.231	c=>t	R, P	-
290	0.125	a=>t	Y, F	L	603	0.143	g=>a	constant	-	763	0.333	g=>a	A, Q, E, V, H, I	L
297	0.200	t=>c	A, V, C	-	673	0.111	c=>a	L, I	L	1335	0.167	c=>t	constant	-
357	0.286	c=>t	constant	-	711	0.250	a->g	constant	-	NODE 61-60				
673	0.111	c=>a	L, I	L	885	0.286	c=>t	constant	-	POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC
682	0.333	g=>t	S, A	L	927	0.231	a=>g	I, M	L	225	0.333	c=>t	constant	-
771	0.375	c=>t	constant	-	982	0.182	t=>g	A, S, T	L	543	0.333	t=>c	constant	-
807	0.250	c=>t	constant	-	1137	0.231	a->g	constant	-	741	0.111	c=>t	S, C, Y	-
855	0.400	a=>g	constant	-	1320	0.143	a=>g	Q, E, A	-	753	0.188	c->a	L, M, I	-
1239	0.500	t=>c	constant	-	1380	0.200	g->a	E, A	-	813	0.231	a->g	constant	-
1410	0.429	a->c	E, D, A, K, P, Q	L	NODE 58-57					1026	1.000	t=>c	constant	-
NODE 63-62					POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC	1269	0.600	t=>c	constant	-
POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC	84	0.214	a=>c	D, E, Q	L	1345	0.154	a=>t	A, S, T, C	L
138	0.273	c=>t	P, L	-	147	0.154	a=>g	constant	-	NODE 69-68				
279	0.167	g=>a	constant	-	225	0.333	c->t	constant	-	POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC
435	0.300	c=>t	T, V, S, I	-	412	0.200	c=>t	S, L	-	18	0.333	g->a	- excluded,	-
456	0.222	c->t	constant	-	498	0.333	t->c	constant	-	30	0.250	t->c	constant	-
732	0.125	a->g	constant	-	543	0.333	t=>c	constant	-	60	0.250	c->t	constant	-
762	0.333	c->g	constant	-	655	0.250	t=>c	L, V, C	-	81	0.333	t->a	constant	-
861	0.143	c=>t	constant	-	684	0.300	a=>g	S, A	-	93	0.400	c=>t	T, P, V	-
1017	0.333	g->a	constant	-	753	0.188	c->g	L, M, I	L	96	0.333	a=>g	K, L, S	-
1032	0.429	t=>c	constant	-	836	0.222	c->g	S, I, T	L	99	0.600	t->c	D, A, E	-
1245	0.200	a->g	constant	-	1185	0.200	g=>a	constant	-	147	0.154	a=>g	constant	-
1251	0.273	a->c	G, A	-	1224	0.429	a=>g	constant	-	186	0.222	c->t	constant	-
1266	0.429	g->a	constant	-	1251	0.273	c->t	G, A	-	213	0.250	c=>t	constant	-
1270	0.500	t->c	L, S, V	-	NODE 57-56					282	0.429	a=>c	D, E, K, T	L
1341	0.333	a->g	constant	-	POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC	306	0.375	t=>a	A, V	-
1356	0.143	c->t	constant	-	60	0.250	c=>t	constant	-	351	0.167	c=>t	constant	-
1422	0.429	c->t	T, V, L, K	-	117	0.500	a->c	constant	-	366	0.667	t=>g	constant	-
NODE 62-61					153	0.111	a->g	constant	-	372	0.250	a->t	constant	-
POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC	220	0.500	c->g	L, V	L	393	0.231	a->c	R, P	-
84	0.214	g=>a	D, E, Q	-	267	0.375	c->a	P, T	-	402	0.500	t=>c	constant	-
165	0.231	t->c	A, W	-	378	0.500	g=>a	constant	-	424	0.200	c->a	V, P, L, T, I	L
276	0.286	g=>a	constant	-	384	0.333	a=>g	constant	-	433	0.250	t=>a	T, V, S, I	PNL
393	0.231	a=>c	R, P	-	424	0.200	c->a	V, P, L, T, I	L	434	0.250	c=>t	T, V, S, I	PNL
420	0.250	t->c	I, V	-	486	0.167	g=>a	L, S	-	435	0.300	c->a	T, V, S, I	PNL
672	0.300	t->a	constant	-	501	0.333	t=>c	constant	-	441	0.286	t->a	constant	-
684	0.300	g=>a	S, A	-	510	0.167	g=>a	constant	-	444	0.167	c->t	F, C	-
762	0.333	g->t	constant	-	537	0.429	g=>a	constant	-	495	0.167	t->c	constant	-
858	0.167	c=>t	constant	-	552	0.200	c=>t	constant	-	498	0.333	t->a	constant	-
1005	0.375	g->t	constant	-	588	0.400	a=>g	constant	-	528	0.429	a=>t	constant	-
1015	0.500	c=>a	constant	-	621	0.250	c=>t	constant	-	538	0.400	t=>c	L, I	L
1111	0.286	a=>c	L, M, T	-	813	0.231	a=>c	constant	-	603	0.143	g->a	constant	-
1113	0.500	g=>a	L, M, T	-	864	0.333	c=>t	constant	-	651	0.500	t->c	constant	-
1167	0.200	c=>t	A, L	-	963	0.182	t->c	C, S	-	654	0.333	c->t	constant	-
NODE 61-59					1029	0.250	g=>a	constant	-	655	0.250	t=>g	L, V, C	L
POS	c	NUCΔ	AA	SC	1058	0.500	t=>a	Y, F, C, L	L	657	1.000	a=>t	L, V, C	-
177	0.300	c->g	R, L, A	-	1071	0.167	c=>t	constant	-	666	0.500	a->g	constant	-
290	0.125	a=>t	Y, F	L	1077	0.200	t=>c	constant	-	684	0.300	t->a	S, A	-
564	0.214	g=>a	A, V	-	1137	0.231	g->a	constant	-	720	0.200	g->a	constant	-
690	0.429	c=>t	A, G, T	-	1176	0.250	g=>a	E, D	-	732	0.125	a->g	constant	L
732	0.125	g->a	constant	-	1203	0.200	g=>a	constant	-	753	0.188	g->a	L, M, I	-
					1209	0.286	t=>c	constant	-	768	0.167	t->c	C, F	-

771	0.375	t=>a	constant	-					1032	0.429	a->c	constant	-				
792	0.500	c->t	I,S	-					1035	0.250	t->c	constant	-				
804	0.250	c->t	constant	-					1086	1.000	t=>c	I,V,L	-				
834	0.600	t->c	T,M	-					1101	0.250	c->t	constant	-				
836	0.222	g=>c	S,I,T	L					1116	0.222	t=>g	P,A	-				
858	0.167	c=>t	constant	-					1182	0.250	t->c	constant	-				
865	0.167	c->t	L,P	-					1287	0.200	a->g	Q,E,K	-				
942	0.200	a=>g	L,S	-					1350	0.250	a=>g	constant	-				
957	0.400	t->a	R,C	-					1365	0.333	a->g	constant	-				
981	0.143	c->t	constant	-					1395	1.000	c=>t	constant	-				
1038	0.500	t=>g	constant	-					1401	0.250	t=>c	constant	-				
1128	0.222	c->t	constant	-													
1192	1.000	t=>g	S,F,A	L													
1218	0.200	t->c	constant	-													
1227	0.286	c->t	H,Q	-													
1245	0.200	a->c	constant	-													
1251	0.273	a->c	G,A	-													
1323	0.333	t->g	constant	-													
1332	0.500	t=>a	I,V	-													
1410	0.429	a->g	E,D,A,K,P,Q	-													
1414	0.333	a->g	T,A,S,E,P	L													
NODE 68-67																	
POS	c	NUCA	AA	SC					POS	c	NUCA	AA	SC				
33	0.500	t=>a	V,S,F,D,A	L					69	0.500	t=>c	N,T	-				
40	1.000	a=>c	K,Q	L					88	0.143	g->a	E,K,Q,T	L				
81	0.333	a->g	constant	-					120	0.167	c->t	constant	-				
150	0.231	c=>t	A,P,S	-					153	0.111	a=>g	constant	-				
207	0.600	t=>g	constant	-					201	0.250	t->c	constant	-				
255	0.200	t=>c	Y,C	-					213	0.250	a->c	constant	-				
259	1.000	a=>c	I,L	L					225	0.333	t=>c	constant	-				
261	0.167	c->t	I,L	-					243	0.200	a->g	constant	-				
339	0.500	t=>g	constant	-					276	0.286	c->g	constant	-				
369	0.250	t=>c	constant	-					306	0.375	t->a	A,V	-				
387	0.333	c=>t	constant	-					327	0.167	a->g	constant	-				
393	0.231	c->g	R,P	-					345	0.333	t->c	constant	-				
397	0.333	c->t	L,S,I	-					351	0.167	t=>c	constant	-				
427	0.333	g=>t	A,S	-					387	0.333	t=>a	constant	-				
450	0.214	t->a	constant	-					390	0.667	a=>g	constant	-				
459	0.250	t=>c	constant	-					391	0.333	c=>a	R,P	-				
513	0.750	a->g	constant	-					397	0.333	t->c	L,S,I	L				
543	0.333	t->a	constant	-					405	0.222	a=>g	constant	-				
564	0.214	a->c	A,V	-					423	0.500	t->c	constant	-				
618	0.333	a->c	constant	-					438	0.333	a=>g	K,Q	-				
633	0.200	t=>c	constant	-					447	0.167	a=>g	Q,M,I,T,L,W	L				
639	0.333	t=>c	constant	-					528	0.429	a->c	constant	-				
708	0.200	g=>a	constant	-					678	1.000	t=>c	Y,N,F	-				
717	0.200	c=>t	constant	-					693	0.167	g->a	constant	-				
744	0.250	a=>g	constant	-					708	0.200	a=>g	constant	-				
753	0.188	a->c	L,M,I	-					738	0.667	g->t	T,N	-				
822	0.143	c->t	constant	-					772	0.500	a=>c	R,K	-				
930	0.111	c=>t	constant	-					808	0.167	c->t	constant	-				
969	0.429	a=>g	constant	-					846	0.333	t->c	H,Y,S,F	-				
984	0.182	c->t	A,S,T	-					942	0.200	a=>g	L,S	-				
1050	0.400	t=>c	constant	-					1023	0.231	a->c	V,I,L,M	-				
1122	0.400	t=>c	constant	-					1027	0.167	t->c	constant	-				
1176	0.250	g->a	E,D	-					1056	0.167	c->t	constant	-				
1179	0.400	c=>t	constant	-					1065	0.333	a=>g	constant	-				
1251	0.273	c->t	G,A	-					1077	0.200	t=>c	constant	-				
1287	0.200	a=>g	E,Q,K	-					1083	0.600	t->c	constant	-				
1302	0.286	a=>g	constant	-					1140	0.300	t->a	constant	-				
1320	0.143	g=>a	Q,E,A	-					1179	0.400	t=>c	constant	-				
1338	0.333	t=>c	constant	-					1185	0.200	a->g	constant	-				
1374	1.000	t->g	constant	-					1221	0.200	a=>g	L,S	-				
1383	0.500	a->c	V,I	-					1254	0.429	a->g	constant	-				
1411	0.600	a->t	T,A,S,E,P	L					1272	0.667	a=>g	L,S,V	-				
1413	1.000	a->g	T,A,S,E,P	-					1275	0.333	g->a	constant	-				
1422	0.429	g->a	T,V,L,K	-					1359	0.286	t=>c	P,A,L	-				
1425	0.429	a->g	L,V,C,I	-					1398	0.250	a->g	R,K,I	-				
NODE 73-72																	
POS	c	NUCA	AA	SC					POS	c	NUCA	AA	SC				
31	0.500	t->g	V,S,F,D,A	PNL					31	0.500	t->g	V,S,F,D,A	PNL				
81	0.333	t=>c	constant	-					81	0.333	t=>c	constant	-				
117	0.500	a->c	constant	-					117	0.500	a->c	constant	-				
132	0.286	t=>c	constant	-					132	0.286	t=>c	constant	-				
144	0.333	a=>g	constant	-					144	0.333	a=>g	constant	-				
148	0.333	c=>g	A,P,S	L					148	0.333	c=>g	A,P,S	L				

168	0.273	a=>g	constant	-
204	0.375	t=>c	constant	-
258	0.333	t=>a	G,D,E,N,H	L
291	0.333	t=>c	Y,F	-
306	0.375	a->g	A,V	-
313	0.250	t=>c	constant	-
315	0.167	g->a	constant	-
321	0.333	a->c	constant	-
402	0.500	t=>g	constant	-
465	0.333	c=>t	constant	-
471	0.500	t=>c	V,A	-
477	0.143	a=>g	constant	-
504	0.167	t=>c	constant	-
534	0.200	a=>g	constant	-
537	0.429	t=>a	constant	-
546	0.250	t=>c	constant	-
552	0.200	c=>t	constant	-
577	1.000	c=>t	constant	-
579	0.375	t=>a	constant	-
588	0.400	a=>g	constant	-
591	0.667	t=>c	constant	-
597	0.167	t=>c	constant	-
603	0.143	a=>g	constant	-
612	0.111	g=>a	constant	-
618	0.333	c->a	constant	-
663	0.500	a=>g	V,C	-
696	0.286	a=>g	constant	-
702	0.200	a=>g	constant	-
729	0.250	t=>c	constant	-
732	0.125	a=>g	constant	-
744	0.250	a=>g	constant	-
753	0.188	g=>a	L,M,I	L
765	0.429	c->a	C,F	-
785	0.200	c=>t	V,M,A	L
804	0.250	c=>t	constant	-
837	0.300	t=>c	S,I,T	-
840	0.167	g=>a	L,S	-
849	0.250	t=>c	constant	-
852	0.286	t=>c	constant	-
870	0.600	t=>c	constant	-
876	0.143	t=>c	constant	-
914	0.143	g->a	K,R	L
945	0.750	t=>c	constant	-
969	0.429	a=>g	constant	-
976	0.250	g->a	constant	-
1021	0.333	g=>a	V,I,L,M	L
1042	0.167	t=>c	L,S	-
1053	0.200	t=>c	constant	-
1095	0.500	t=>c	constant	-
1194	0.250	t=>c	S,F,A	-
1198	0.167	t=>c	L,S	-
1200	0.600	a->c	L,S	-
1230	0.667	t->a	constant	-
1345	0.154	a->g	A,S,T,C	L
1346	0.125	g=>c	A,S,T,C	L
1362	0.429	a->c	E,D	L
1365	0.333	g->a	constant	-
1380	0.200	a=>g	E,A	-
1392	0.143	a=>g	constant	-

APPENDIX II (pp. 562-567; corrections in proof, p. 566). Inferred amino acid changes on the internal branches of a string-based cladogram (one of 165 equally most-parsimonious), including summary statistics of the string search and the resultant matrix of apomorphic recognitions.

Similar to Appendix I, the following table and accompanying reference cladogram contain information about the functional impact of specific string changes (as reflected by alterations in amino acid identity). Interpretation is as in Appendix I with the following exceptions: (i) relative branch length (changes per given branch divided by total steps) is given, (ii) "CHAR" indicates the string character number from the matrix at the end of this appendix, (iii) "POS." still refers to nucleotide position, but, here, to the starting (3') position of a string recognition, (iv) "STR., SEQ." indicates first the number of simulated nucleotides (i.e., string length) followed by the string itself (divided to show the codon positions of its component nucleotides), and (v) "AA-seq." shows each alternative amino acid *sequence* identified by a particular string recognition. Under the latter category, internal stop codons are indicated by *1, *2, or *3 (for TAA, TAG, and TGA, respectively), and missing nucleotide data have sometimes necessitated the indication (by "?") of missing amino acids. Again, Dayhoff et al. (1978) PAM-250 log-odds calculations were determined nondirectionally for each combination of amino acid sequences.

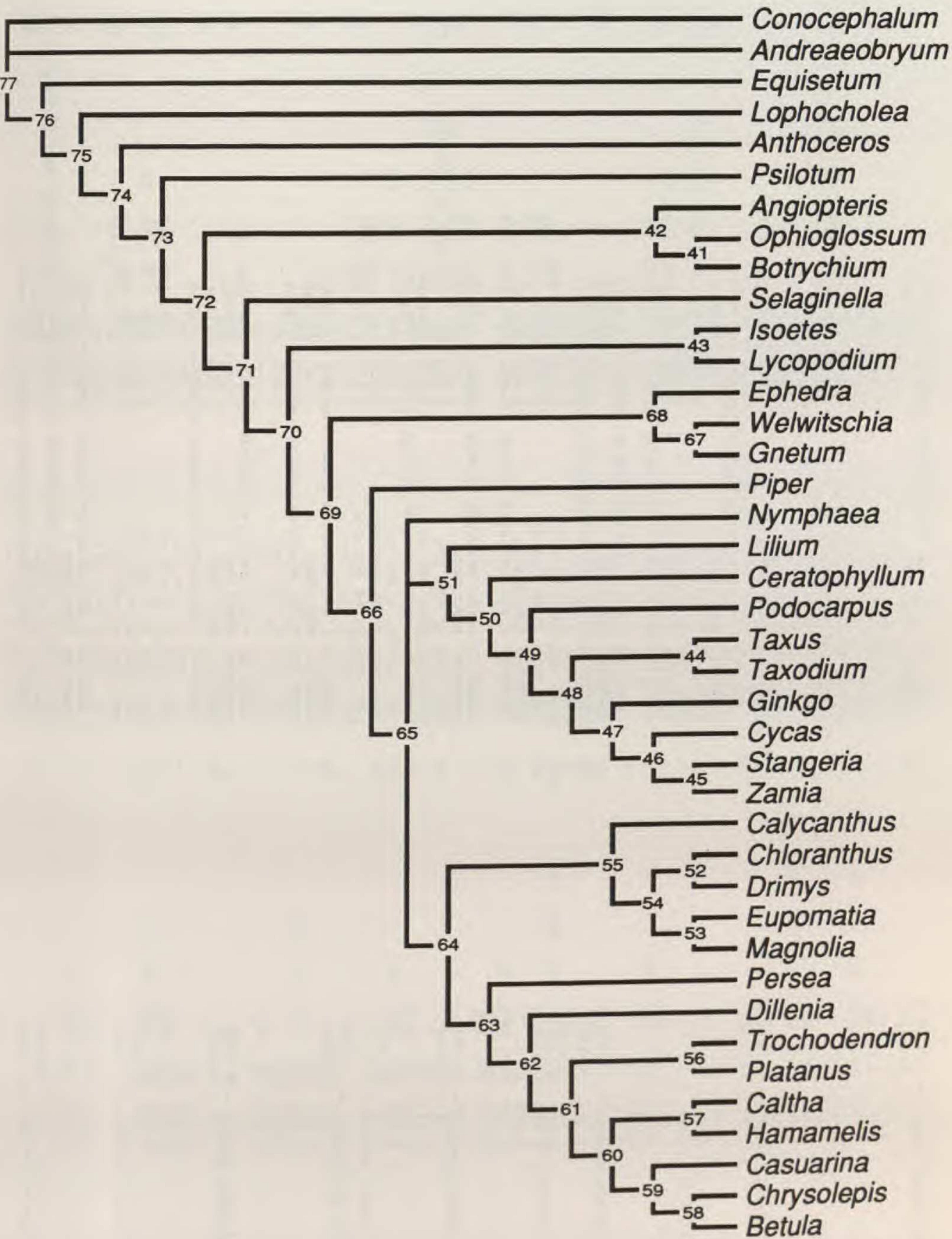
Summary statistics from the string search (involving 1000 randomly generated strings ranging in length from 6 to 21 base pairs) are provided below.

	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Mean
	recog-	apomor-	similar-	single-	posi-	recog-
String	nitions	phies	ities	tons	tional	nitions
length					recog-	per
					nitions	string
6	758	129	77	52	47	2.745
7	204	43	20	23	31	1.387
8	107	14	10	4	13	1.077
9	5	2	1	1	2	1.000
10	4	2	1	1	2	1.000
12	21	1	1	0	1	1.000
14	5	1	1	0	1	1.000
15	8	1	1	0	1	1.000
Σ	1112	193	112	81	98	

The 1000 strings evaluated contained the following proportions of "nucleotides," which verify their random generation:

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma A &= 3375 \\ \Sigma C &= 3309 \\ \Sigma G &= 3349 \\ \Sigma T &= 3297\end{aligned}$$

The matrix of 193 string recognitions (including 112 potentially informative similarities) is also presented. Headers are provided to give additional information for each character. The number of nucleotides per string character is given, followed by the number of recognitions (hits) per string, the start position of the string (in terms of *rbcL* nucleotides), and the character number (for reference to the table of changes). Immediately following the start position information may appear the designation "ab"; this indicates that separate string recognitions had the same start position, and so showed partial overlap (such partial correlation has been ignored in our present analyses; see text for further details). The matrix is presented in two blocks, corresponding to two rounds of string evaluation (500 strings in each, for a total of 1000). In each case, string recognitions occurring in the 3' primer region are shown in brackets, but were ignored during parsimony analysis.



NODE 77 - 76, relative branch length = 0.0138

CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
032 313b	7, tta gat t	0.500	LDL
091 1254	6, t gct aa	1.000	VAN, AAN
100 1344	6, t gct aa	0.200	AAK, ASK, ACK, ATK, RTK
136 465	6, t caa gt	0.250	IQV
142 607	6, gat gaa	0.125	DE
172 980	7, ac gct gg	0.100	HAG, HSG, HTG
173 1017	6, t caa gt	0.500	RQV, RDV, REV, REI, RQI, RDL

NODE 76 - 75, relative branch length = 0.0138

CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
033 326	6, aa gaa g	0.125	EEG
043 487	6, aac aaa	0.143	NK
113 111	6, a gca gc	0.200	LAA
121 235	6, cgt tac	0.333	RY
137 728	6, ct gca g	0.167	TAG, TSG
152 750	6, g atg aa	0.100	MMK, MLK, MIK
183 1231	6, tgg gga	0.200	WG

NODE 75 - 74, relative branch length = 0.0138

CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
035 345	6, c atg tt	0.200	NMF, NLF
100 1344	6, t gct aa	0.200	AAK, ASK, ACK, ATK, RTK
116 162	6, a gca gc	0.250	GAA, GWA
150 724	6, gct act	0.125	AT
158 830	8, at act agt	0.167	NTS, NMI, NTT
166 1259	7, at cga gt	0.143	NRV, N*3V

NODE 74 - 73, relative branch length = 0.0079

CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
018 152	6, aa gaa g	0.143	EEA
031 313	6, tta gat	0.500	LD
043 487	6, aac aaa	0.143	NK
092 1259	7, at cga gt	0.167	NRV

NODE 73 - 72, relative branch length = 0.0079

CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
034 333	8, t tct gtt a	0.167	GSVT
085 1147	6, cat gtt	0.143	HV
138 500	7, gt cct tt	0.250	RPL
183 1231	6, tgg gga	0.200	WG

NODE 72 - 42, relative branch length = 0.0079

CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
033 326	6, aa gaa g	0.125	EEG
115 155	7, aa gca gg	0.167	EAG
137 728	6, ct gca g	0.167	TAG, TSG
187 1284	6, a cag gc	0.250	VQA, VEA, VKA

NODE 42 - 41, relative branch length = 0.0178

CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.	SC
044 543	6, t gct aa	0.143	SAK	-
052 728	6, ct gca g	0.111	TAG, TSG	L
068 939	7, a ttg gcc	1.000	VLA, VSA	NL
077 1093	8, acc caa ga	0.250	TQD, PQD	L
100 1344	6, t gct aa	0.200	AAK, ASK, ACK, ATK, RTK	PNL
113 111	6, a gca gc	0.200	LAA	-
136 465	6, t caa gt	0.250	IQV	-
142 607	6, gat gaa	0.125	DE	-
152 750	6, g atg aa	0.100	MMK, MLK, MIK	L

NODE 72 - 71, relative branch length = 0.0079

CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.	SC
026 266	6, ct gtt g	0.167	PVA, PVP, PVV, TVT, SVV	PNL
053 755	7, aa aga gc	0.200	KRA	-
114 126	6, g act cc	0.500	MTP, VTP, LTP, VSP	L
193 1394	6, tc aag t	0.500	IKF, IRF, IIF	PNL

NODE 71 - 70, relative branch length = 0.0138

CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.	SC
034 333	8, t tct gtt a	0.167	GSVT	-
044 543	6, t gct aa	0.143	SAK	-
052 728	6, ct gca g	0.111	TAG, TSG	L
092 1259	7, at cga gt	0.167	NRV	-
142 607	6, gat gaa	0.125	DE	-
152 750	6, g atg aa	0.100	MMK, MLK, MIK	L

NODE 70 - 43, relative branch length = 0.0099

CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.	SC
006 88	6, aag acc	0.500	ET, EP, KV, DT, QT, TP	PNL
007 90	6, g acc aa	0.200	ETK, EPK, KVS, KTK, DTK, QTK, ETL, TPK, PNL	-
114 126	6, g act cc	0.500	MTP, VTP, LTP, VSP	L
138 500	7, gt cct tt	0.250	RPL	-
158 830	8, at act agt	0.167	NTS, NMI, NTT	PNL

NODE 70 - 69, relative branch length = 0.0039

CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.	SC
033 326	6, aa gaa g	0.125	EEG	-
183 1231	6, tgg gga	0.200	WG	-

NODE 69 - 66, relative branch length = 0.0138

CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.	SC
013 141	6, a gtt cc	0.333	GVP	-
036 388	6, cta cga	0.200	LR, LP	L
043 487	6, aac aaa	0.143	NK	-
056 783	6, a gtt cc	0.250	GVP, GMP, GAP	PNL
124 273	6, t ggg ga	0.167	AGE, PGE, VGE, TGE	PNL
177 1182	6, t ggg ga	0.333	FGD	-
193 1394	6, tc aag t	0.500	IKF, IRF, IIF	PNL

NODE 66 - 65, relative branch length = 0.0079

CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.	SC
010 123	12, a gta act cct ca	0.200	RVTPQ, RMTPO, RLTPQ, RVSPQ	L
076 1067	6, aa gac c	0.200	KFR, EDR	NL
132 395	6, ct cta c	0.143	ALR, ASR, T??	NL
150 724	6, gct act	0.125	AT	-

NODE 65 - 51, relative branch length = 0.0059			
CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
085	1147	6, cat gtt	0.143 HV
152	750	6, g atg aa	0.100 MMK, MLK, MIK
166	1259	7, at cga gt	0.143 NRV, N*V
NODE 51 - 50, relative branch length = 0.0059			
CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
124	273	6, t ggg ga	0.167 AGE, PGE, VGE, TGE
130	386	6, ct cta c	0.167 ALR, ALP
142	607	6, gat gaa	0.125 DE
NODE 50 - 49, relative branch length = 0.0118			
CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
013	141	6, a gtt cc	0.333 GVP
035	345	6, c atg tt	0.200 NMF, NLF
047	635	6, tg cgt t	0.333 MRW
051	684	6, t cag gc	0.250 AQA, SOA, AQT, SQG
053	755	7, aa aga gc	0.200 KRA
143	639	15, c tgg aga gat cgt tt	0.500 RWRDRF
NODE 49 - 48, relative branch length = 0.0158			
CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
050	663	6, t gca ga	0.500 CAE, VAE, CAE
052	728	6, ct gca g	0.111 TAG, TSG
085	1147	6, cat gtt	0.143 HV
115	155	7, aa gca gg	0.167 EAG
119	199	6, acc act	0.200 TT
130	386	6, ct cta c	0.167 ALR, ALP
137	728	6, ct gca g	0.167 TAG, TSG
166	1259	7, at cga gt	0.143 NRV, N*V
NODE 48 - 44, relative branch length = 0.0138			
CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
031	313	6, tta gat	0.500 LD
038	412	6, cta cga	0.333 LR, SR
116	162	6, a gca gc	0.250 GAA, GWA
138	500	7, gt cct tt	0.250 RPL
142	607	6, gat gaa	0.125 DE
172	980	7, ac gct gg	0.100 HAG, HSG, HTG
NODE 48 - 47, relative branch length = 0.0079			
CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
017	164	6, ct gca g	0.167 AAV, WAV
053	755	7, aa aga gc	0.200 KRA
054	766	7, ttt gcc a	0.250 FAR, CAR, CAK
124	273	6, t ggg ga	0.167 AGE, PGE, VGE, TGE

NODE 47 - 46, relative branch length = 0.0158			
CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
002	54	14, a gat tac aga tta	0.200 KDYRL, RDYRL, KDYKL, KDYTI, KEYKL PNL
024	227	6, gt ctc g	0.250 SLD, NLD
035	345	6, c atg tt	0.200 NMF, NLF
043	487	6, aac aaa	0.143 NK
049	655	6, tgc ttc	1.000 CF, LF, VF
076	1067	6, aa gac c	0.200 KFR, EDR
092	1259	7, at cga gt	0.167 NRV
152	750	6, g atg aa	0.100 MMK, MLK, MIK
NODE 46 - 45, relative branch length = 0.0059			
CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
012	140	7, gg gtg cc	0.333 GVP
132	395	6, ct cta c	0.143 ALR, ASR, T??
182	1207b	6, ggc ggg	0.500 GG
NODE 65 - 64, relative branch length = 0.0079			
CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
052	728	6, ct gca g	0.111 TAG, TSG
142	607	6, gat gaa	0.125 DE
168	950	6, cg tta c	0.250 ALR, ASC
172	980	7, ac gct gg	0.100 HAG, HSG, HTG
NODE 64 - 55, relative branch length = 0.0059			
CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
061	856	6, gac aac	0.200 DN
106	1418	6, at acc t	0.500 DTL, DVL, DTV, ILC, DKL
191	1355	8, gc cct gaa	0.500 SPE, SPD, SAE, SLE
NODE 55 - 54, relative branch length = 0.0039			
CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
054	766	7, ttt gcc a	0.250 FAR, CAR, CAK
152	750	6, g atg aa	0.100 MMK, MLK, MIK
NODE 54 - 52, relative branch length = 0.0020			
CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
021	198	6, g aca ac	0.250 WTT
NODE 54 - 53, relative branch length = 0.0059			
CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
073	1135	6, tca ggc	0.500 SG
079	1110	7, t ttg cca	1.000 SLP, STP, SLA, SMP
176	1138	6, ggc ggt	0.500 GG
NODE 64 - 63, relative branch length = 0.0020			
CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
192	1369	7, gct gct t	0.167 AAC
NODE 63 - 62, relative branch length = 0.0079			
CHARPOS.	STR.,SEQ.	c	AA-seq.
003	74	9, at acg cct g	0.200 YTPE, FTPD, YTPQ, YTPD
054	766	7, ttt gcc a	0.250 FAR, CAR, CAK
092	1259	7, at cga gt	0.167 NRV
124	273	6, t ggg ga	0.167 AGE, PGE, VGE, TGE

NODE 62 - 61, relative branch length = 0.0039
CHARPOS. STR.,SEQ. c AA-seq.
 098 1338 6, t gag gc 0.333 REA, EEA
 175 1109 6, ct cta c 0.333 SLP, STP, SLA, SMP

NODE 61 - 56, relative branch length = 0.0039
CHARPOS. STR.,SEQ. c AA-seq.
 015 146 8, ca cct gag 0.100 PPE, PAE, PSE
 145 684 6, a cag gc 0.333 AQA, SQA, SQG, AQT

NODE 60 - 57, relative branch length = 0.0039
CHARPOS. STR.,SEQ. c AA-seq.
 018 152 6, aa gaa g 0.143 EEA
 090 1245 7, g ggt gcc 0.500 PGA, PGG, PVA, PGR, PRA

NODE 60 - 59, relative branch length = 0.0099
CHARPOS. STR.,SEQ. c AA-seq.
 076 1067 6, aa gac c 0.200 KFR, EDR
 100 1344 6, t GCT aa 0.200 AAK, ASK, ACK, ATK, RTK
 137 728 6, ct gca g 0.167 TAG, TSG
 152 750 6, g atg aa 0.100 MMK, MLK, MIK
 177 1182 6, t ggg ga 0.333 FGD

NODE 59 - 58, relative branch length = 0.0039
CHARPOS. STR.,SEQ. c AA-seq.
 139 501 6, c ccc ct 1.000 RPL
 146 686 9, ag gct gaa a 0.333 QAET, QGET, QTET

NODE 69 - 68, relative branch length = 0.0079
CHARPOS. STR.,SEQ. c AA-seq.
 027 267 6, t gtt cc 0.250 PVP, PLP, PVV, TVT, SVV, PVA
 029 543 6, t gct aa 1.000 SAK
 137 728 6, ct gca g 0.167 TAG, TSG
 166 1259 7, at cga gt 0.143 NRV, N*V

NODE 68 - 67, relative branch length = 0.0197
CHARPOS. STR.,SEQ. c AA-seq.
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 034 333 8, t tct gtt a 0.167 GSVT
 047 635 6, tg cgt t 0.333 MRW
 076 1067 6, aa gac c 0.200 KFR, EDR
 092 1259 7, at cga gt 0.167 NRV
 116 162 6, a gca gc 0.250 GAA, GWA
 130 386 6, ct cta c 0.167 ALR, ALP
 150 724 6, gct act 0.125 AT
 170 966 6, t ggg ga 0.333 GGD
 192 1369 7, gct gct t 0.167 AAC

Corrections in proof: P. 564, under "NODE 70-43," fourth line from bottom, delete comma after "TPK" and move "PNL" to right hand column; p. 566, under "NODE 68-67," bottom line, right hand column, should read "—."

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